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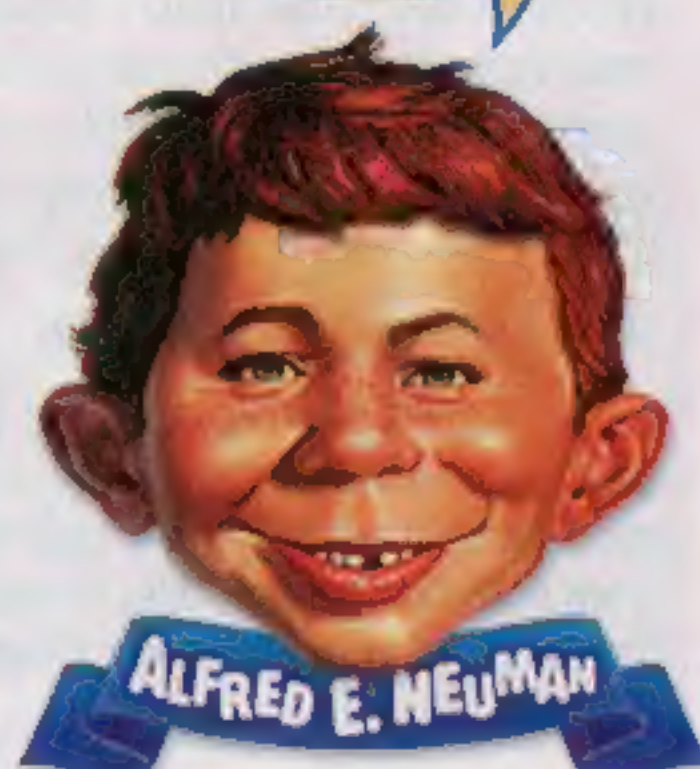
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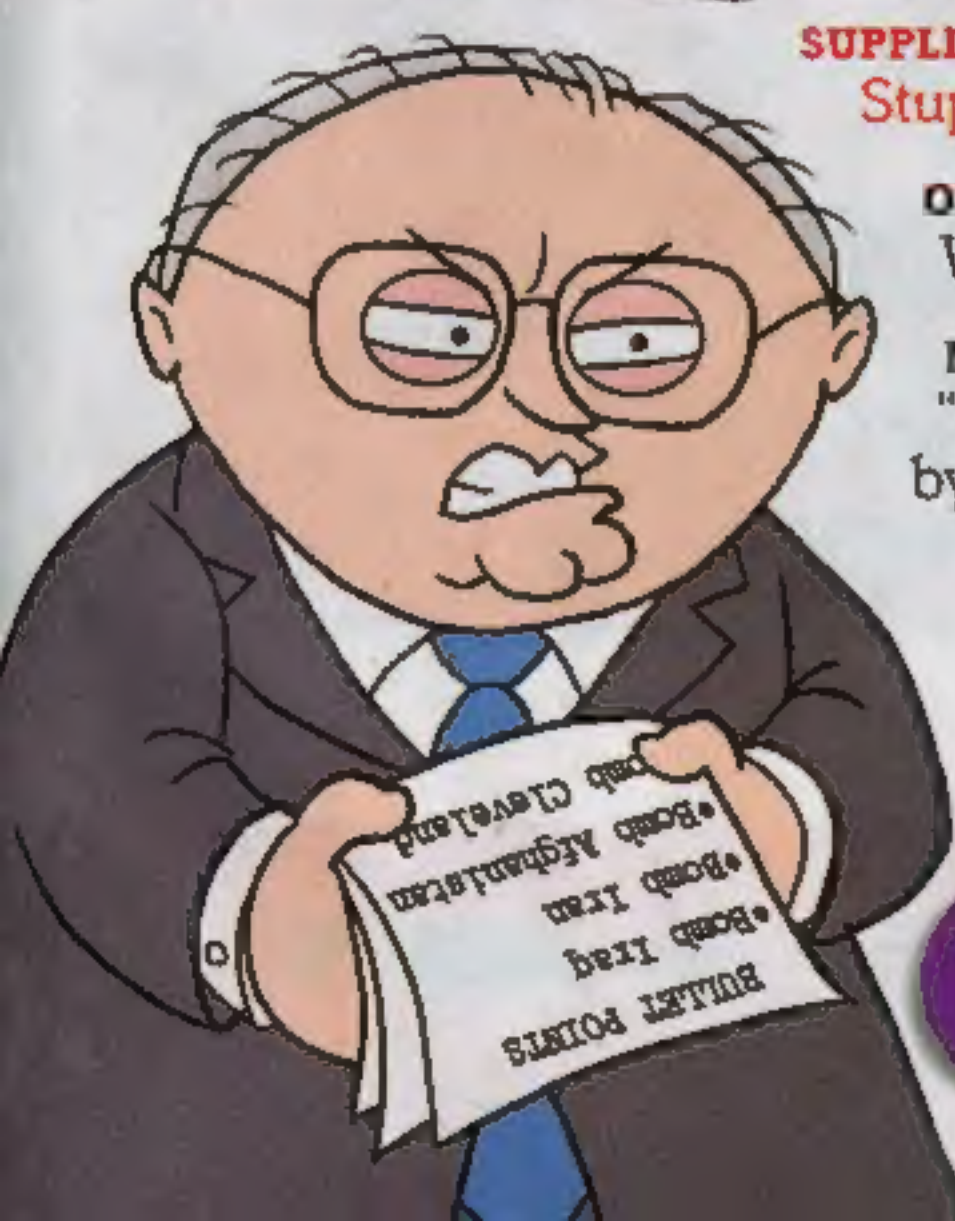
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ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

I have been sending envelopes this past week in hopes of you publishing one of them. I've been asking for a free subscription and I'm going to continue asking for that year's freeloading for both fun and perhaps profit. In truth, I would like one day to draw for MAD, but somehow I suspect I do not have the skill. I have no art education, I taught myself how to draw from *Heavy Metal*, MAD and Marvel Comics. So thanks for inciting this obsession.

Noah Sorah, Manassas Park, VA

Just Say Noah — We also have no art education! Which may explain why we like your envelope so much! Enjoy your one-year subscription! —Ed.

ESTEEM ENGINE

I've been a MAD fan for a few years now and have noticed that a big part of your humor is making fun of your magazine itself. Why is that? A lot of times in the Letters and Tomatoes Department you make jokes saying MAD is a waste of time and that your readers are stupid. I love MAD and I don't think I'm stupid! You guys should show some more confidence!

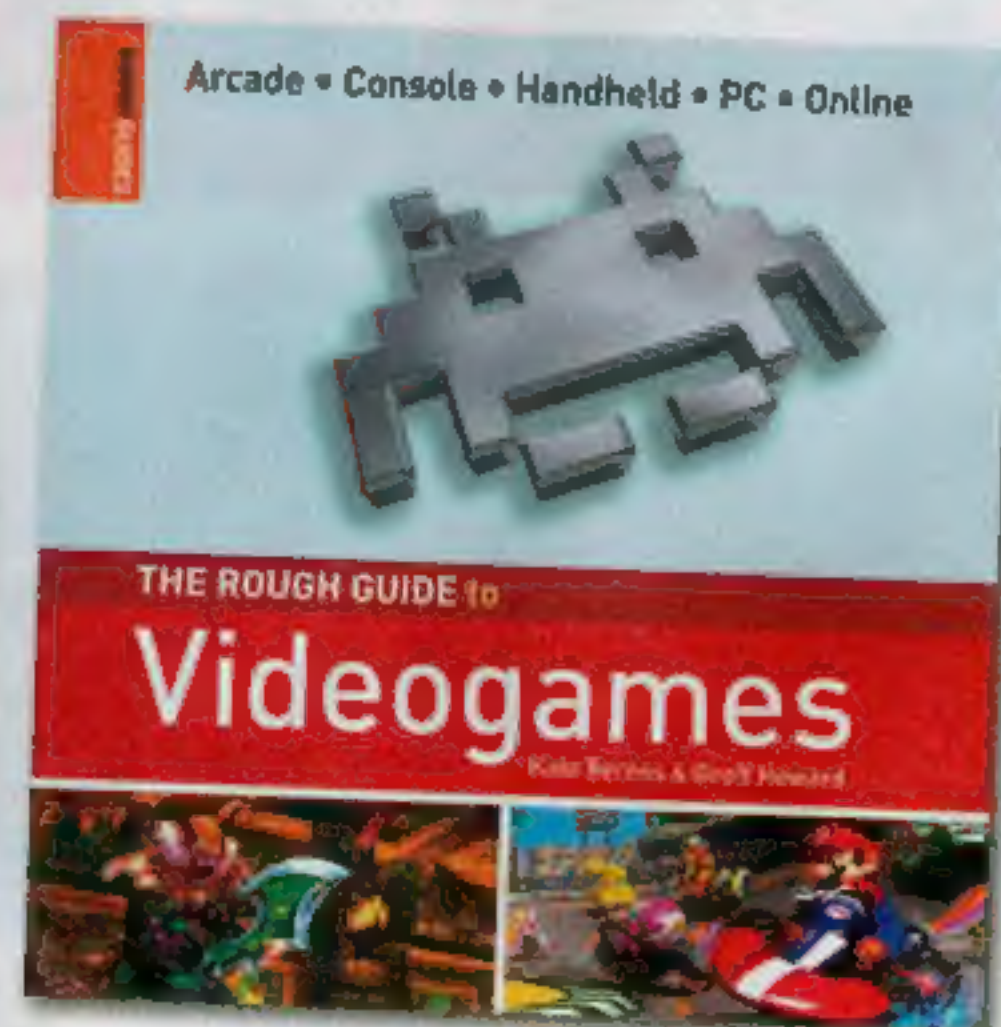
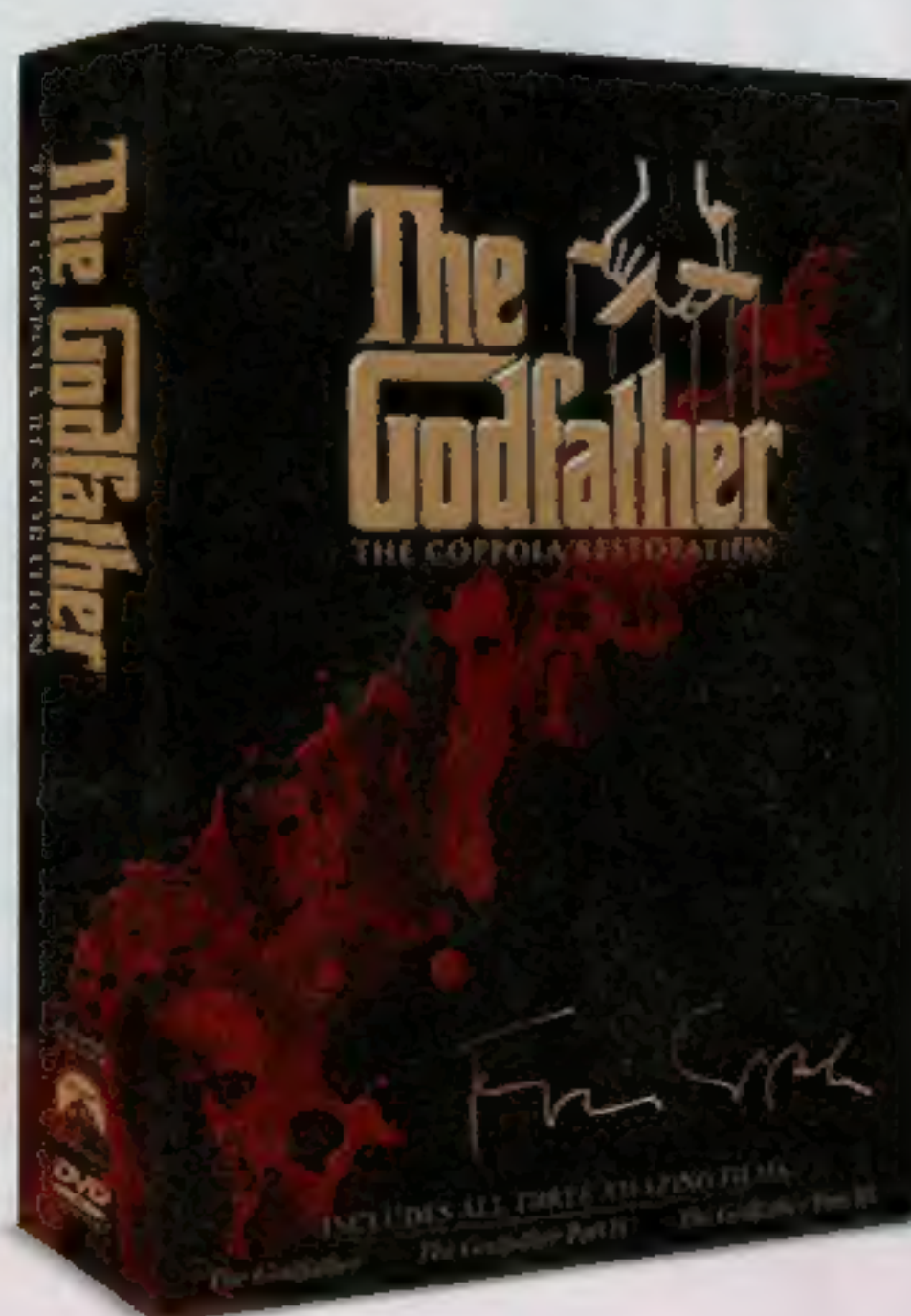
Cameron Evans, Goleta, CA

Son of Cam — You're right! We're *confident* that MAD is a waste of time and our readers are stupid. Thanks for the pep talk! —Ed.



READER ALERT

Those of you who had your letters printed on this Letters Page will receive *The Rough Guide to Video Games*, courtesy of our friends at Rough Guides, and *The Godfather: The Coppola Restoration* DVD collection (that includes all three Godfather movies), courtesy of our friends at Paramount Home Entertainment. For those who didn't have their missives included, don't sleep with the fishes, they're both on sale now!



MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Pam and I were photographed by a friend in Malibu. We are both vegetarians (note the V pins) which is one proof we have good taste and are sane. We thought another proof would be holding up a copy of MAD magazine.

Ingrid Newkirk, President of PETA, Norfolk, VA

'Gridlock — What impressed us most about your snap, was that you managed to catch a rare shot of Pam Anderson showing a hint of cleavage — usually it's nothing but turtlenecks and high-laced collars for her! Congrats on your three-year subscription, we're sure you'll want to get it leather-bound. While enjoying a hot dog. In your fur coat. Thanks for sending in the picture! —Ed.



PAM AND INGRID
WITH ANOTHER
MEATY ISSUE OF MAD

SCRATCH OF THE DAY

Hey now! I'm not gonna buy a MAD Scratch ticket! You didn't even show us a winner! Then again, I'm not pathetic enough to live in Delaware. Cheers! Keep the MAD coming!

Mark Guthrie, Puyallup, WA

Raiders of the Lost Mark — You don't live in Delaware? Then you're already a winner! Still, tough break on living in a place called Puyallup! It sounds like a gurgling drain! —Ed.

THE CHAUVENISM MUST GO ON

I have noticed that most of the letters you put in your magazine are written by men. Is that because you're sexist? Anyway, put my letter in the magazine and I won't press charges.

Natasha Kanji, Irvine, CA

Kanji Cane — You got it, sweetcheeks! —Ed.



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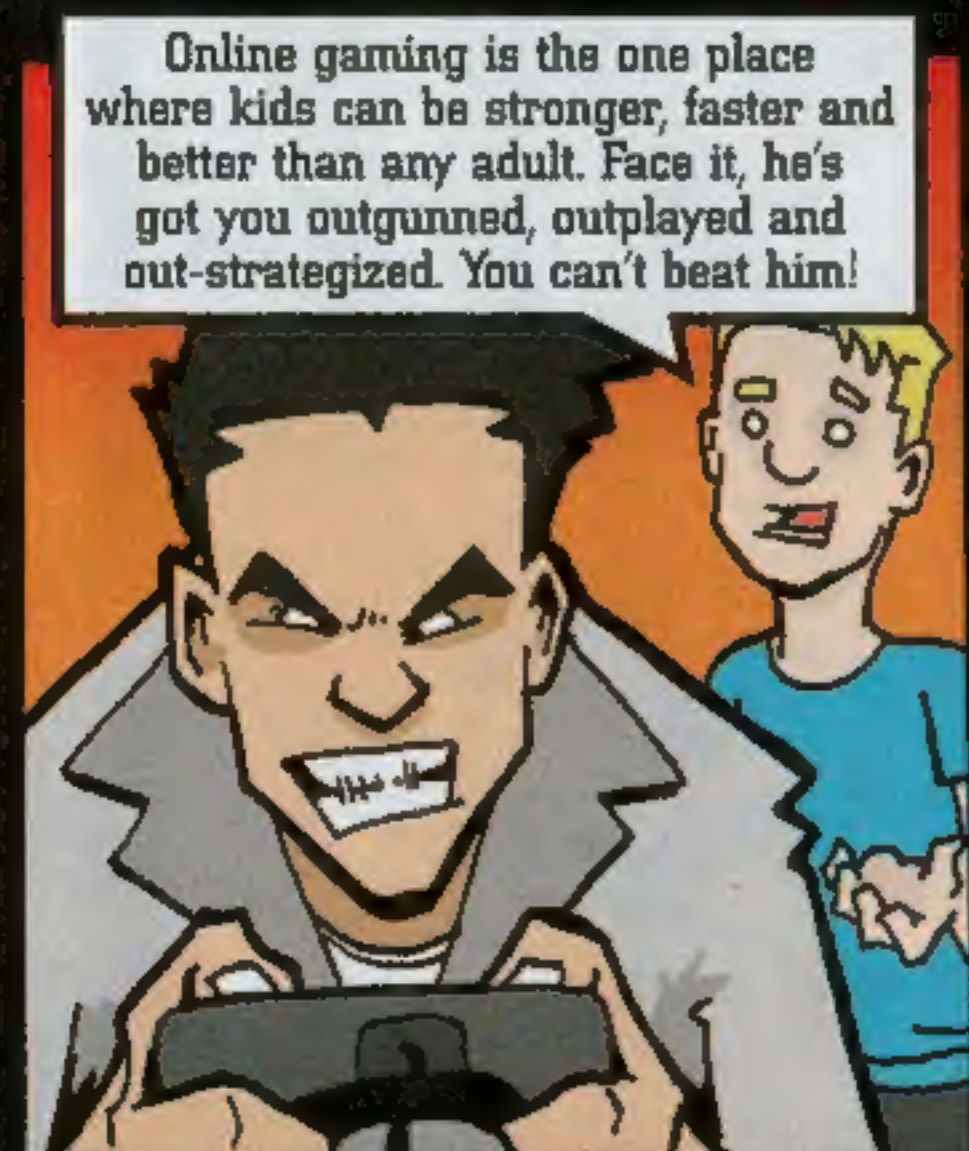
To those who **question** my **position** on **religion**, let me just say that I **pray** that **Church and State** will always be **kept separate**, and I will work towards that end — **so help me God!**

My opponents claim my **positions** are **contradictory**. They are both **right** and **wrong**. This is what makes America great! But always remember, there are **no easy answers**, yet I promise to **look for them** anyway. Regarding my **honesty** and **integrity**, there is **nothing to question**.

Now, I won't stand here and make **promises I can't keep**, but if elected, I **guarantee** you I will be the **most recently-elected President** in this country's glorious history.

In closing, let me **end** with this **conclusion**: **Our future lies ahead of us!** God bless you and God bless America!

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Passwords. Some need six characters. Some need eight characters. Some need only letters. Some need letters AND numbers. We swear we've had to create and remember more passwords than the freakin' French Underground during all of World War II.

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Coming across some mutant geek emphatically arguing that the Internet and the World Wide Web aren't the same thing. They may be right, but it makes us realize that a nerd and a schmuck ARE the same thing.

18»

Parental control software like CyberPatrol and Net Nanny. Great idea: now there's *nowhere* kids can see smutty images...as long as you don't count cable TV, DVDs and the computers at their friends homes, where the parents are more realistic.

19»



iTunes is convenient, easy to use, has a huge catalog of selections and isn't that expensive. What makes our skin crawl is every time we buy a song, we're putting 99 cents in the pocket of that pompous, mock turtleneck-wearing mega-tool Steve Jobs.

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Boobs In
A Box



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(Hand Puppet
Remix)

The growing number of untalented wannabes ready to pounce on a new, "hot" YouTube video with their own web-cluttering, inferior-in-every-way ripoff, reenactment or reinterpretation.

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The galling fact that no matter how much time you spend monitoring blogs, poring over YouTube and scouring the Web, you're never ever the first person in your circle of friends to see something on the web.

22»

The harsh truth that no one, NO ONE, not a single solitary individual in all of recorded Internet history has EVER won a free iPod by correctly identifying Jessica Simpson.

23»



After winning a ferocious eBay bidding war, finding out that the description of the item you won failed to mention that it also smells like an odd combination of mothballs, curdled milk and cough syrup.

24»



The proliferation of nonsensical podcasts and video podcasts by braindead uber-losers that make Andy Rooney's trifling whining sound like The Gettysburg Address in comparison.

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The virtual world Second Life.com, which is a pretty ironic name, because just about everyone using it doesn't have a FIRST life.

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E Greeting Cards — finally we have a way to show our family and friends that we care about them so little we won't even buy a cheap, 99 cent Hallmark card for them anymore.

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From email to blogs to chatrooms, we now know that speeling, grammer and, punc2ation r not as improtent, as wee were taut in scool.

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That AOL "You've got mail" guy — we just don't like him. In fact, now that we think about it, we really hate that sonofabitch!

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The extra, useless sheet of paper with a single line of unneeded type on it that always seems to appear whenever you print out something from a webpage.

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People on Craigslist who indicate that their personal ad includes a picture, but when the headline is clicked on, the picture turns out to be of a rainbow, or a sunset, or a kitten. Raised expectations and dashed hopes — they've just demonstrated what 99% of all online dating is like.

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Illegally downloading a movie from a peer-to-peer file-sharing web site in order to save 12 bucks, and then getting sued by a movie studio for 12 *thousand* bucks. We don't know which is worse: having to pay the fine or the shame and embarrassment that comes with the whole world finding out you wanted to see *Soul Plane*.

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Netflix and Blockbuster Video's assumption that, after installing a \$20,000 HD widescreen home theater system with digital surround sound and leather reclining theater seats, people would rather see a movie streamed online while hunched over a 17" computer monitor.

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Friends and co-workers who pressure you to watch the "Two Girls, One Cup" video, then videotape you watching it and post *that* on YouTube. Those people can go s#!\$ in their hat.

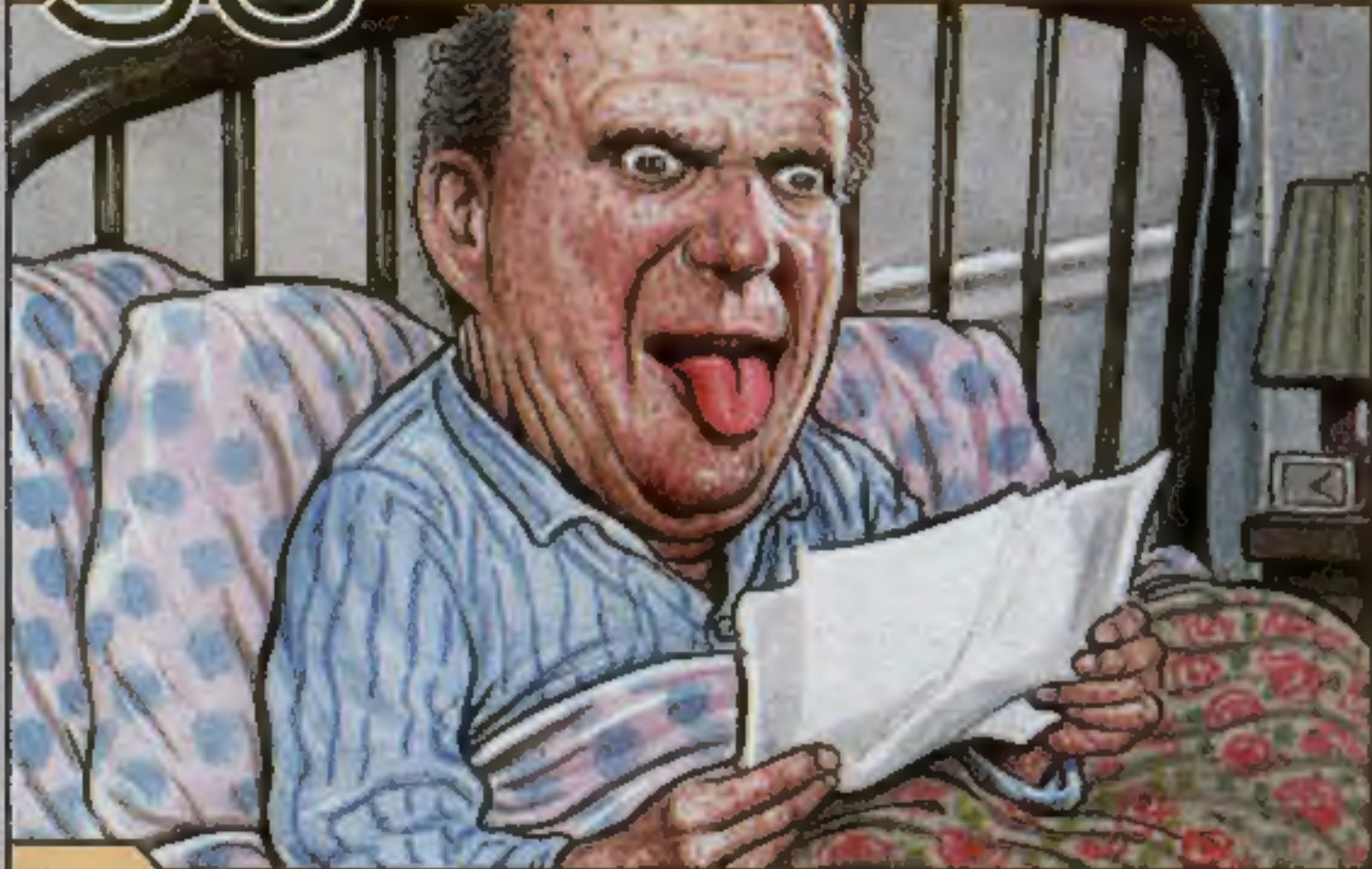
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When we just want to try a new video game demo, but first have to scroll through and "accept" terms of service agreements only slightly longer than the latest Stephen King novel. We never read them and don't know anyone who does. Hell, for all we know we may have clicked away our right to a trial by jury, signed over our pet to medical science or declared ourselves involuntary organ donors.

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Finally putting your traumatizing high school experiences behind you, only to have them dredged up once again by those miserable Classmates.com ads.

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When your internet browser unexpectedly shuts down, then asks if you'd like to send a report to the software manufacturer – yeah, we want Microsoft's CEO Steve Ballmer sitting home at night reading how we encountered a problem while perusing thumbnail galleries at polynesian-schoolteacher-upskirt.com

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Ghouls whose first thought after a tragedy is, "Hey, I can use PhotoShop to come up with a funny picture!"

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Parents who can barely operate an electronic garage door opener getting on the web – and falling for every rumor and outlandish mass email they receive.

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Online degrees. Finally, an answer to the question academics have been asking for ages: is it possible to water down the educational system even *more*?

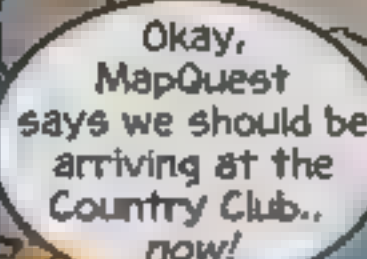

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That maudlin, weepy YouTube video of the guys who released their pet lion into the wild and then went to visit it a year later. We would have bookmarked it if, instead of a tearful reunion, the bloodthirsty beast went all Siegfried and Roy on them.

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Philosophers who drone on and on about the role of the internet and what it symbolically represents in a postmodern society. Hey, Voltaire, *here's* what it represents: an easy way to order stuff tax-free, research stuff it would take months to find in a library, and look at world-class porn. Hope your ivory tower paradigm wasn't shattered by the obvious.

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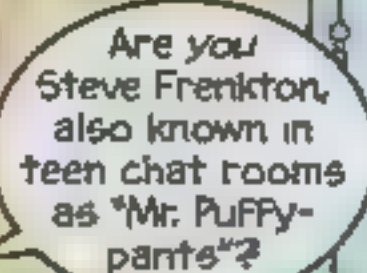
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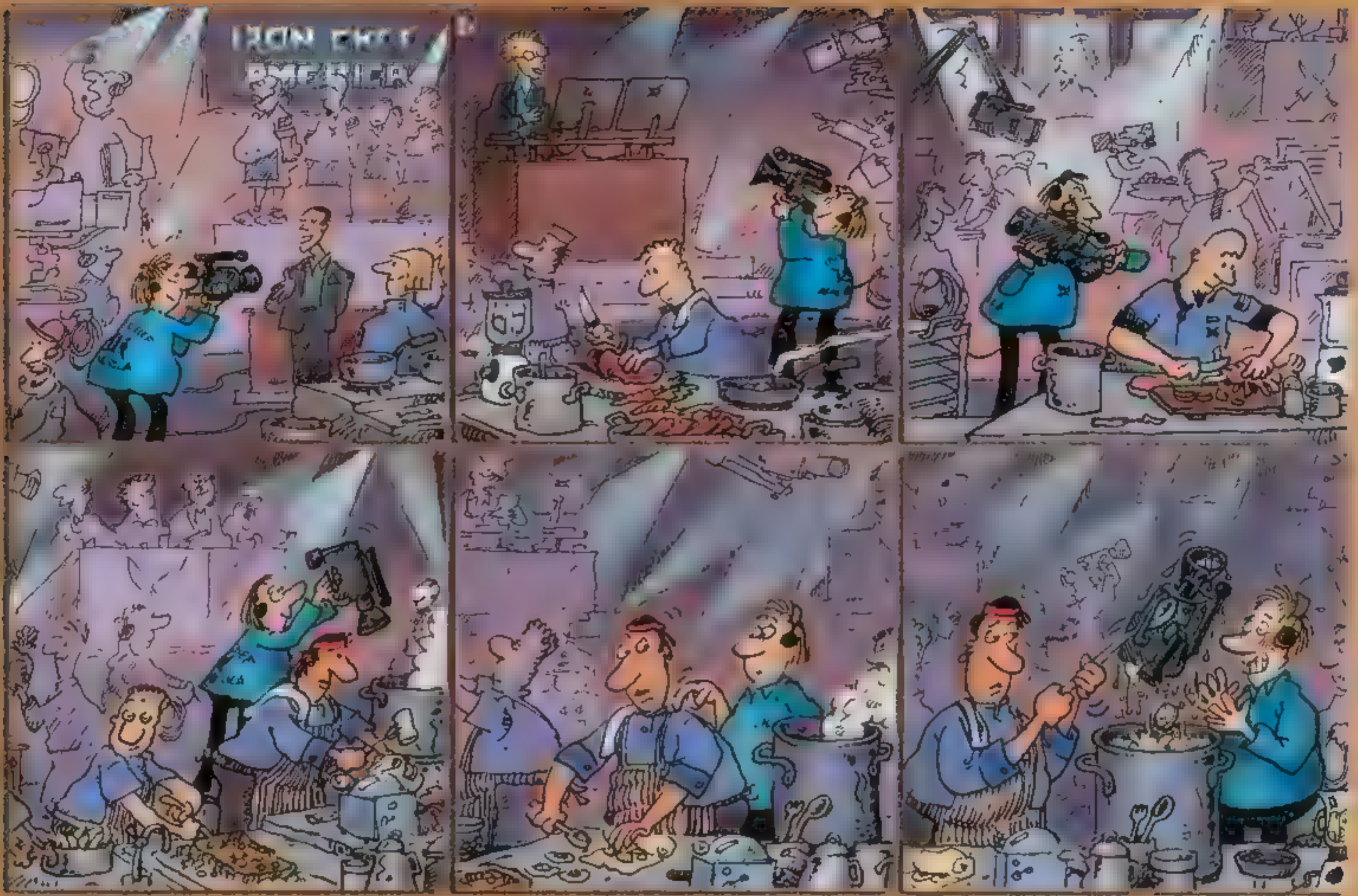
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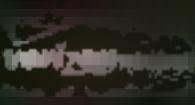
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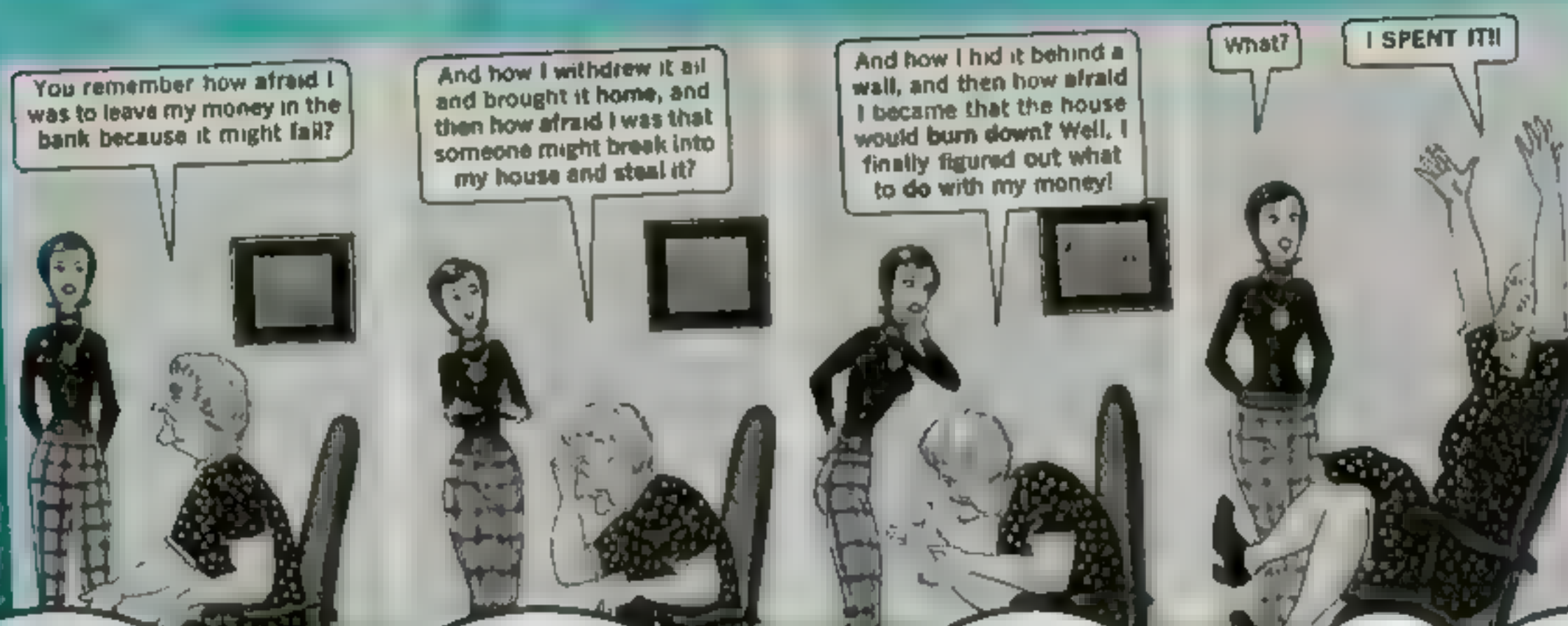
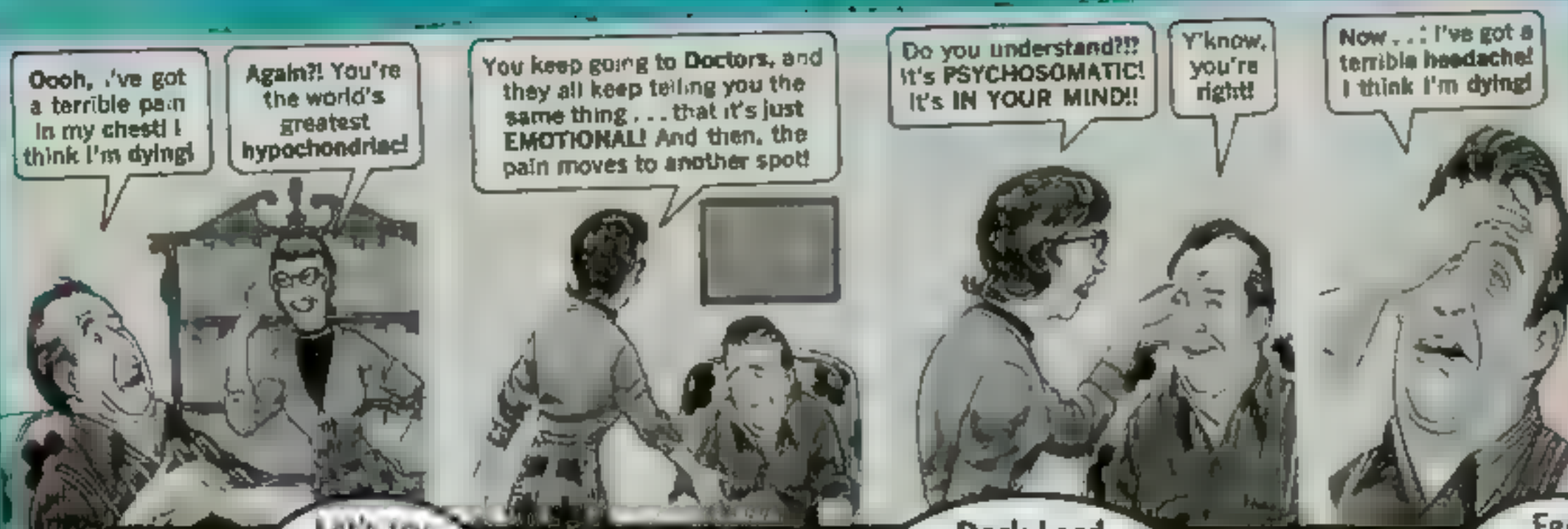
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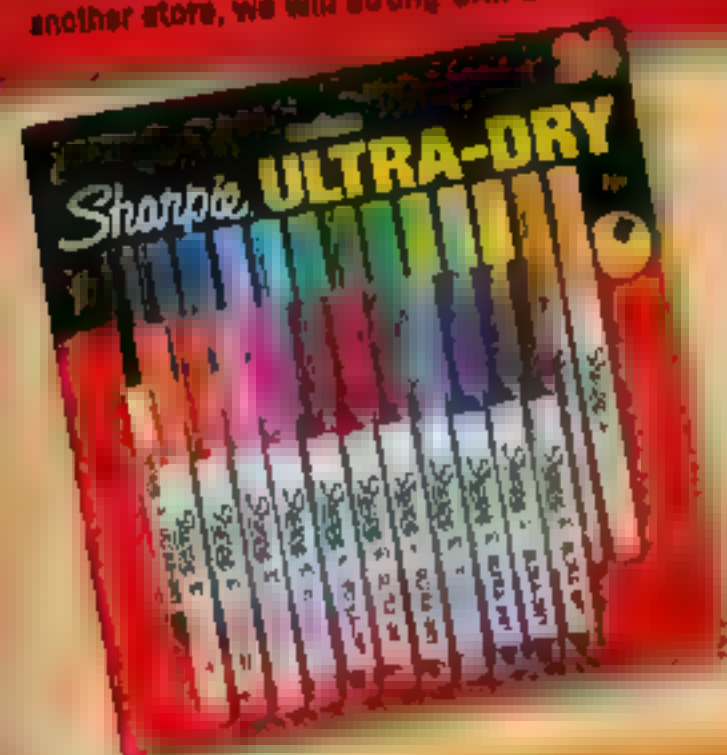
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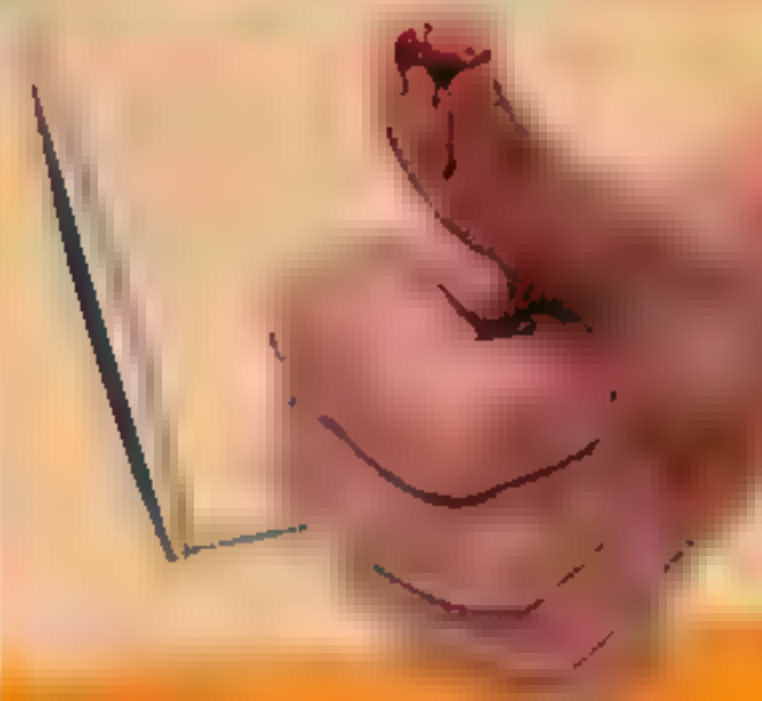
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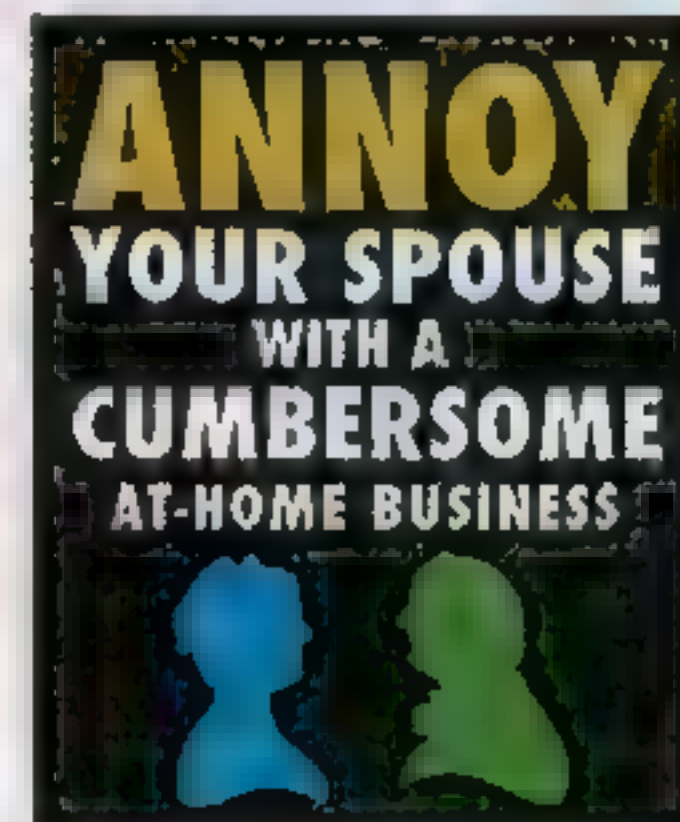
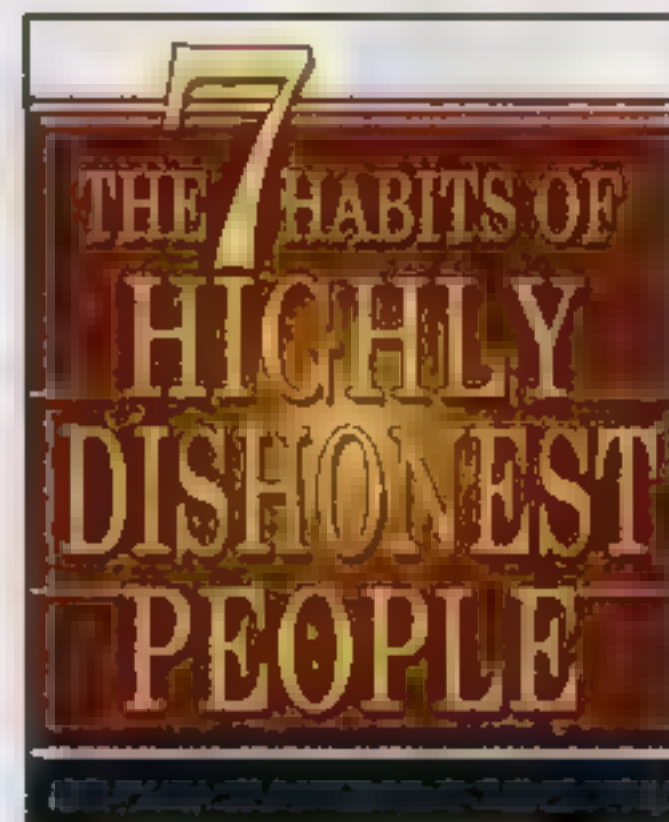
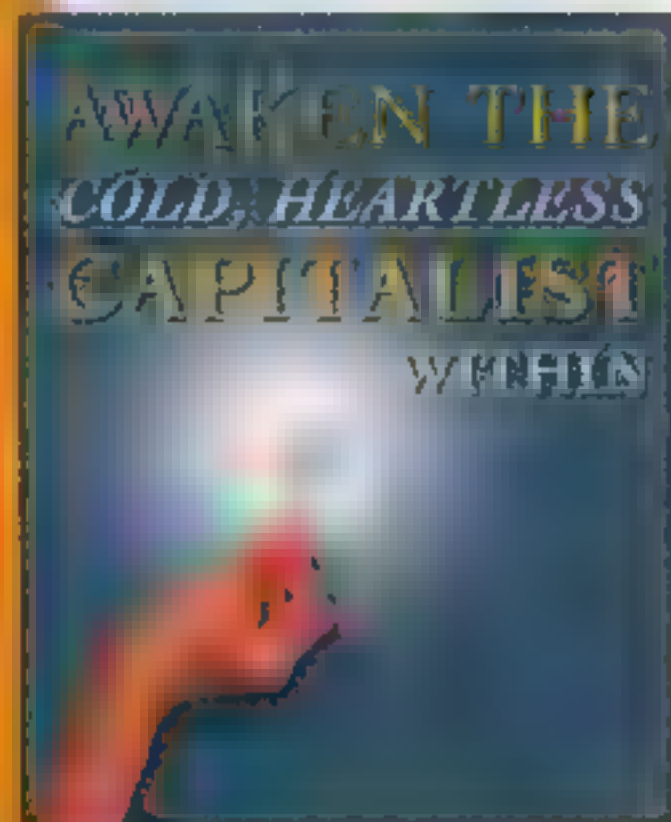
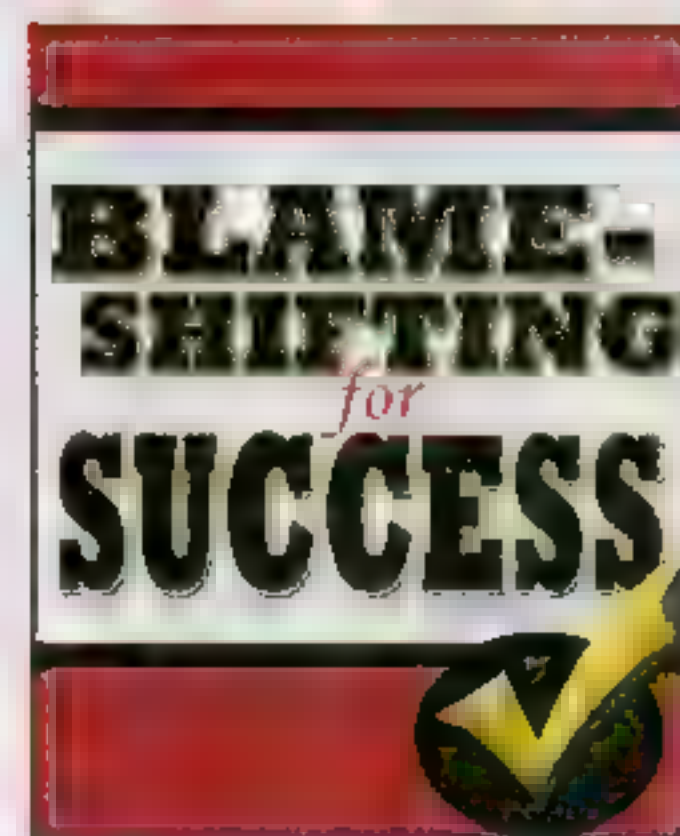
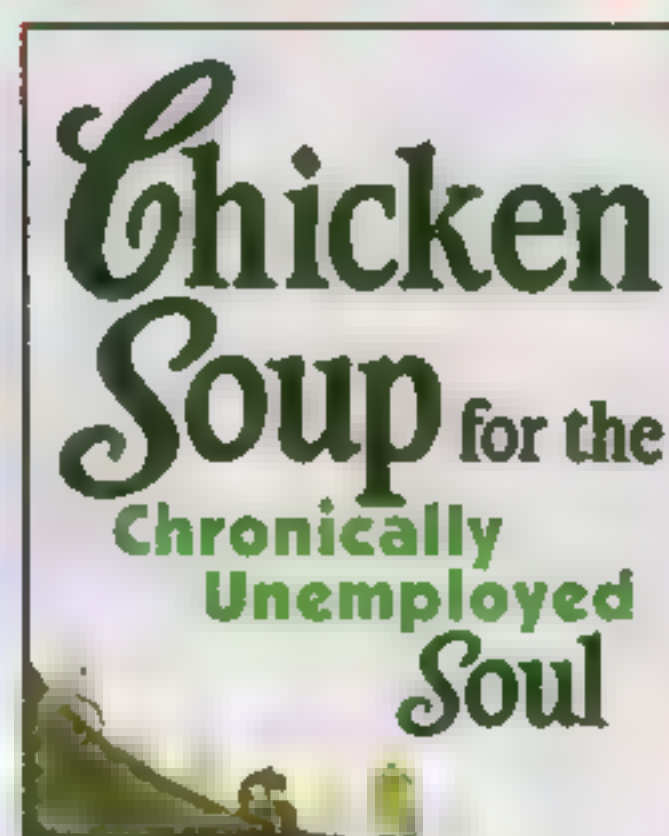
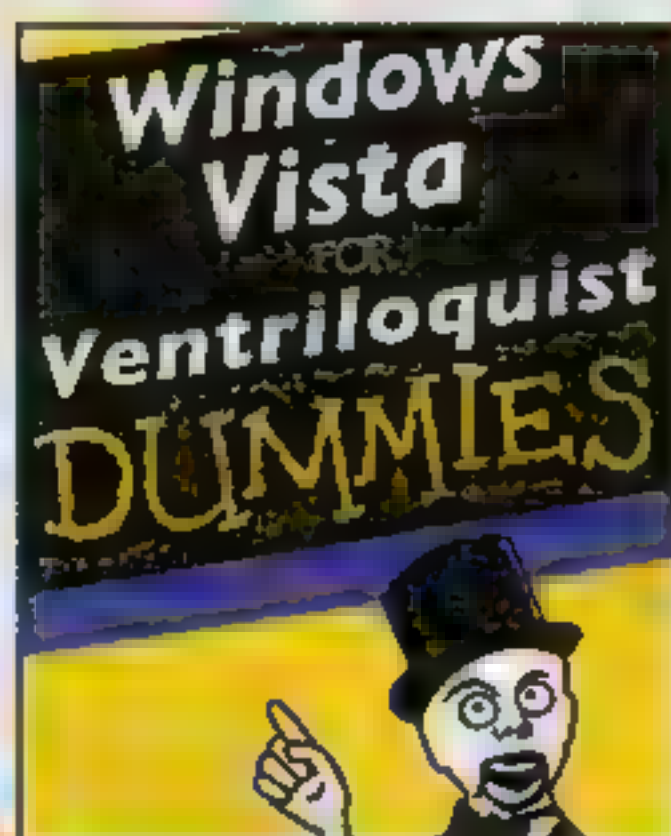
Business Books!



Berlitz Navajo-to-Bulgarian Phrase Book

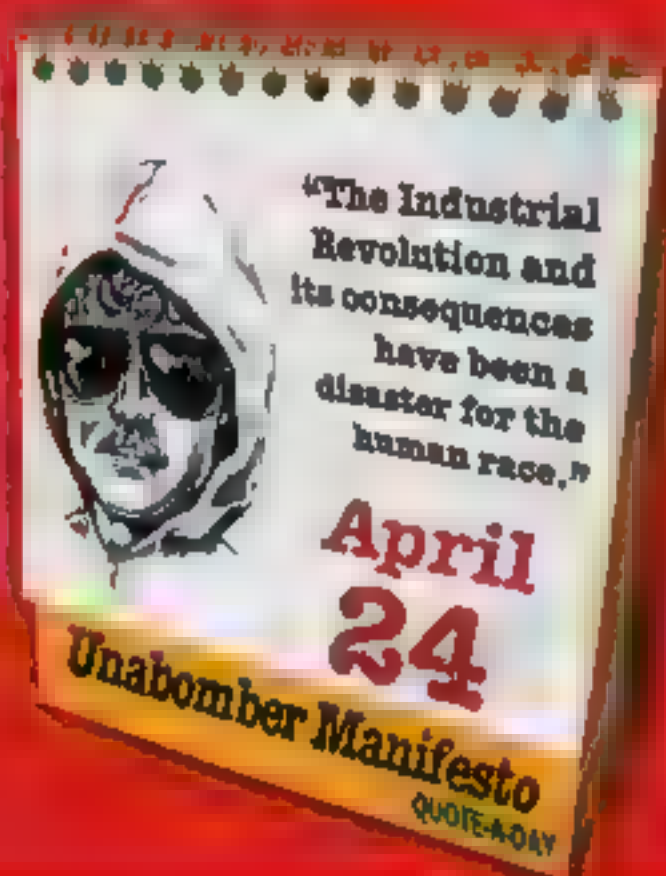
Have you ever been in a Navajo reservation restaurant and can't recall the Bulgarian translation for "I would like the salmon filet"? We haven't either, but why take that chance? 592 pages, clothbound

12⁵⁰



Unabomber Manifesto Quote-a-Day Desk Calendar

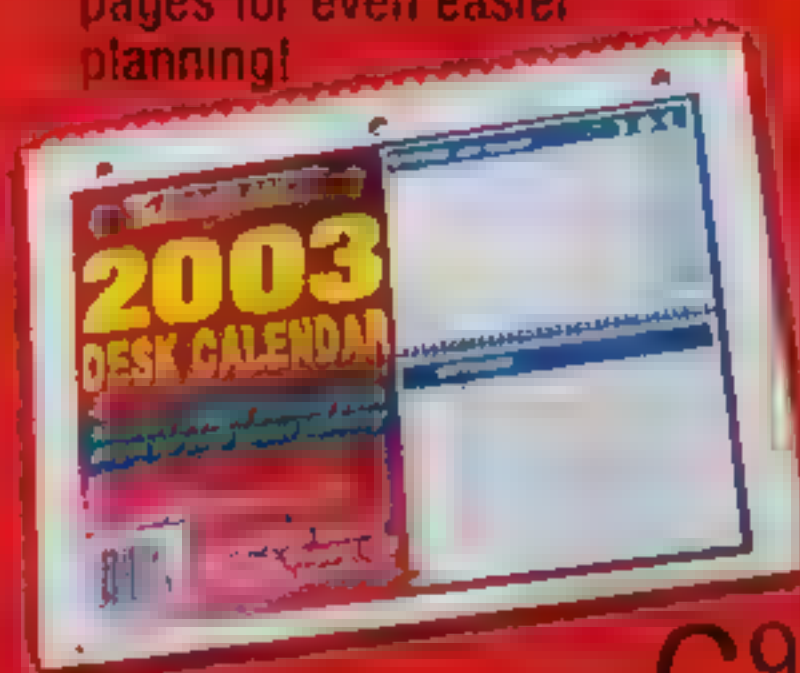
Start your day wrong with the disturbing, anti-technology ramblings of Ted Kaczynski!



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At-a-Glance 2003 Desk Calendar

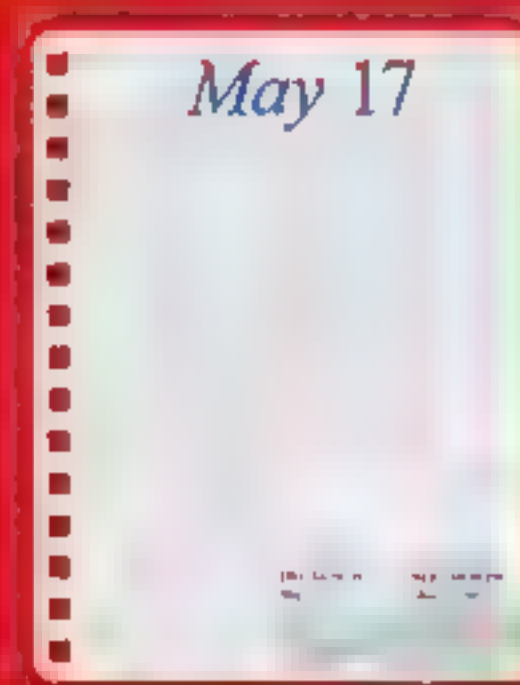
Includes bonus January 2004 pages for even easier planning!



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May 17th Calendar Pages

For some reason, we had a surplus of May 17th pages from appointment books, and we're passing the savings on to you!

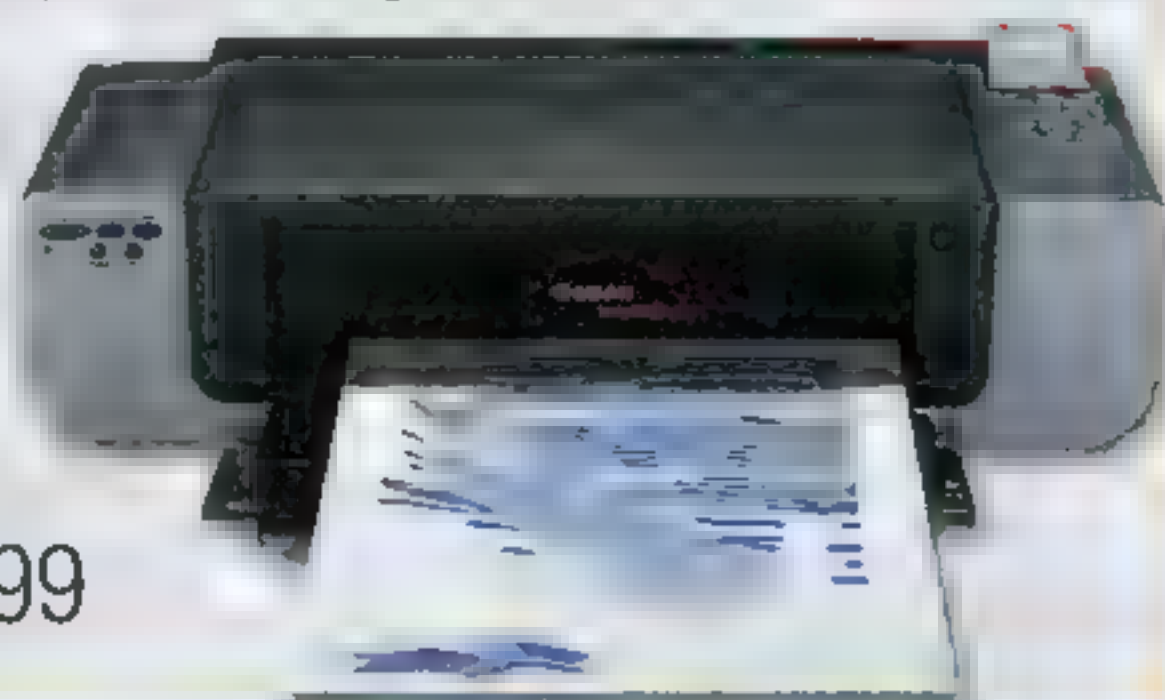


Price at store where it's a lot more expensive.
\$17.59

Our price:
4⁹⁹

Conan Smudge-Jet Printer/Copier

Not all office correspondence is important. The vast majority is pretty trivial, in fact. When you don't care how it looks, the Smudge-Jet is an affordable alternative.



Price on Tatooine:
278 credits

Our price: 99⁹⁹

Staple Gun

.357 SIG semi-automatic, mid-range trajectory with 125gr JHP and top-mounted scope. (5-day waiting period required.)

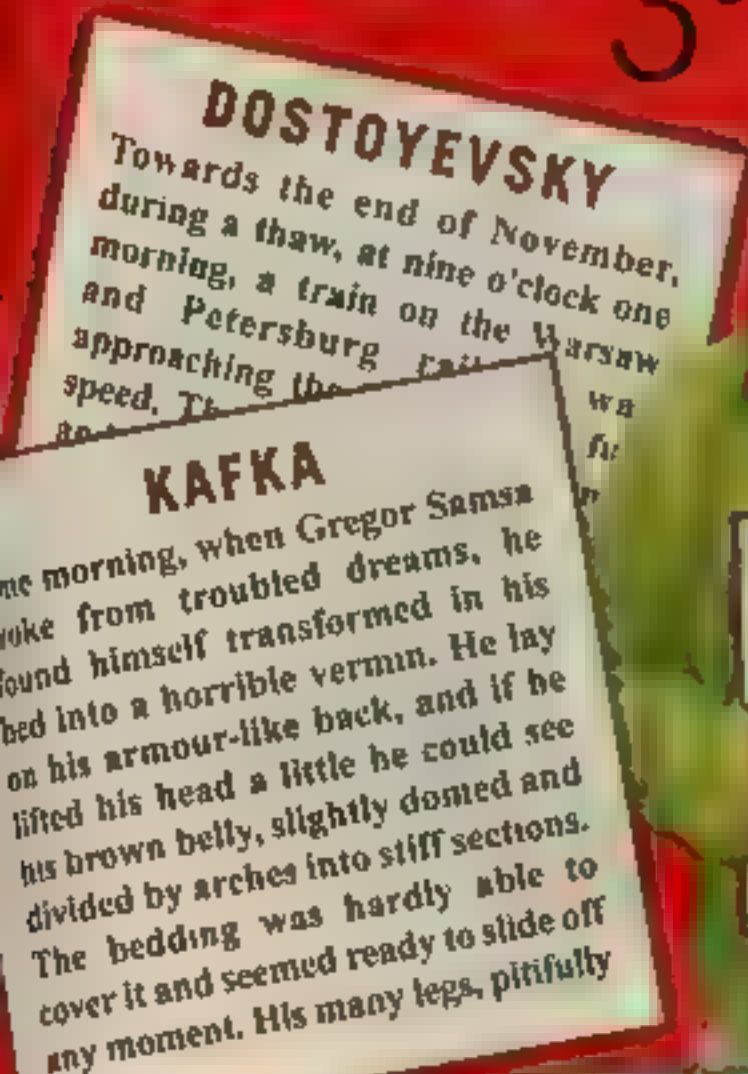
*Staple remover/cauterizing kit sold separately.



345⁹⁹

Existentialist Philosophy Flash Cards

3⁹⁵



Spel-Rite Electronic Dictionary from Lern-Tek

15⁹⁹

Batteries/Vowels
not included



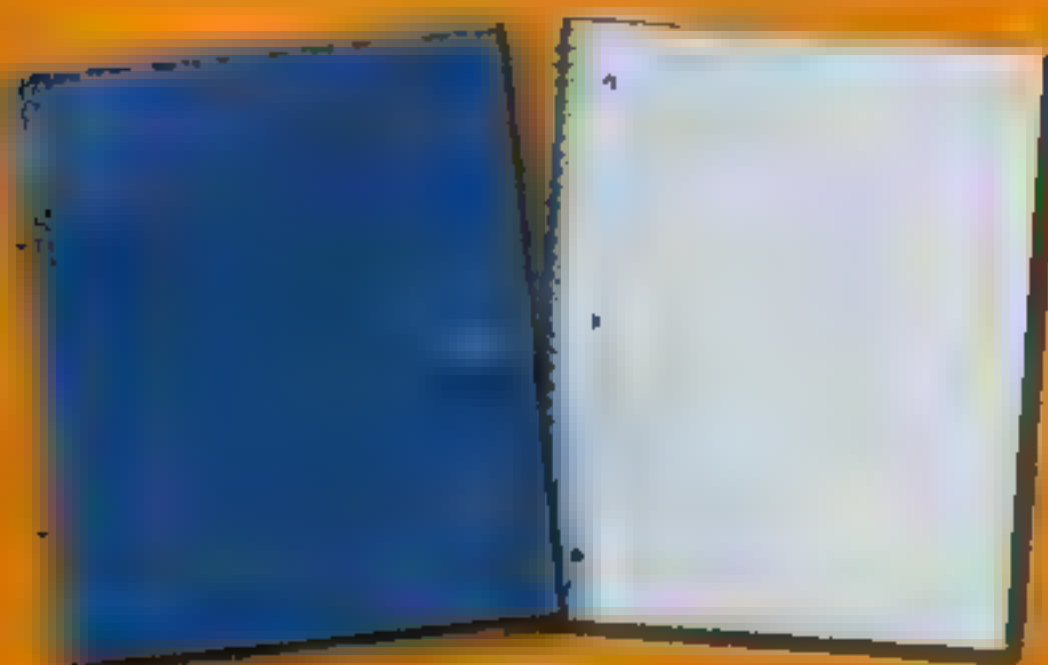
Back To School Headquarters*

pending official
approval by NATO

Mead Vertically-Ruled Notebooks

From the makers of the
Mead 30-Subject Notebook

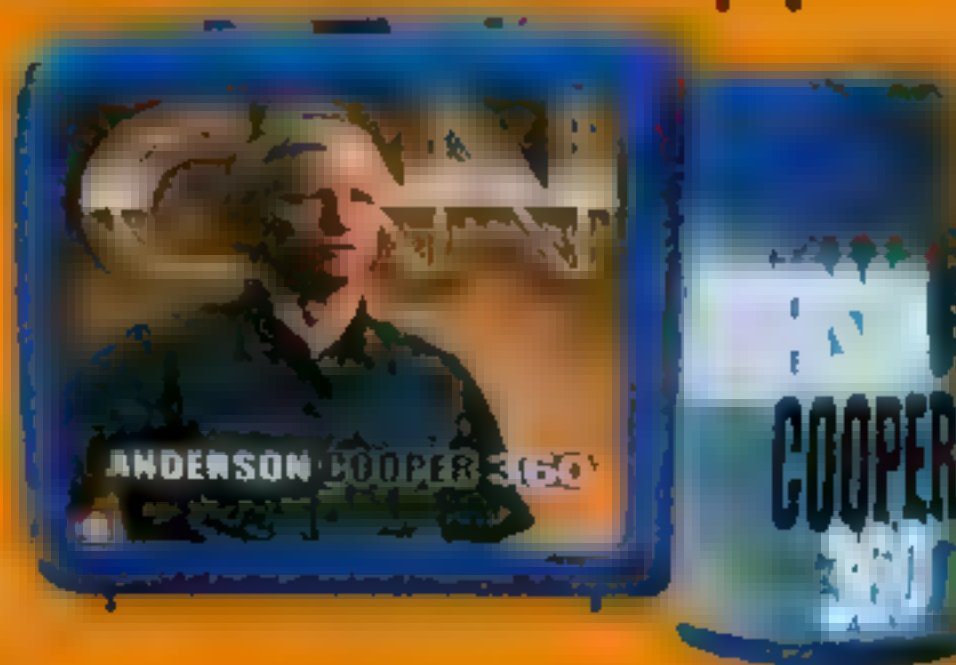
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Anderson Cooper 360° Lunchbox and Thermos

Our top story -
lunch is fun again!

11⁹⁹



Non-removable Post-It Notes .85 for a pack

You'll always remember the
information on these memos after
they're permanently glued to your
computer screen, bulletin board or desk!



19-Hole Punch

Now you can easily
add papers to your
19-Ring Binder!

12⁹⁵



Faber-Castell Indelible Finger Paint

Preserve childhood
memories with paint
that will never fade
from the canvas,
or your hands.

5⁹⁵



Crayola 64-Pack (All-Umber)

You'll never
need Umber
again!

7⁹⁹



32" x 18" Index Cards*

More space =
more learning!

5⁹⁹

*Not responsible for
any massive paper cuts
that may result.



Calvin Klein's "Chalkdust Fantasy" Cologne

The essence of chalk dust and
sandalwood will make you
the boy every girl in class
will desire. For today.
For the semester.
For eternity.

45⁹⁹



Disappearing Ink Hi-Lighters

The easiest way to forget
what you were studying!

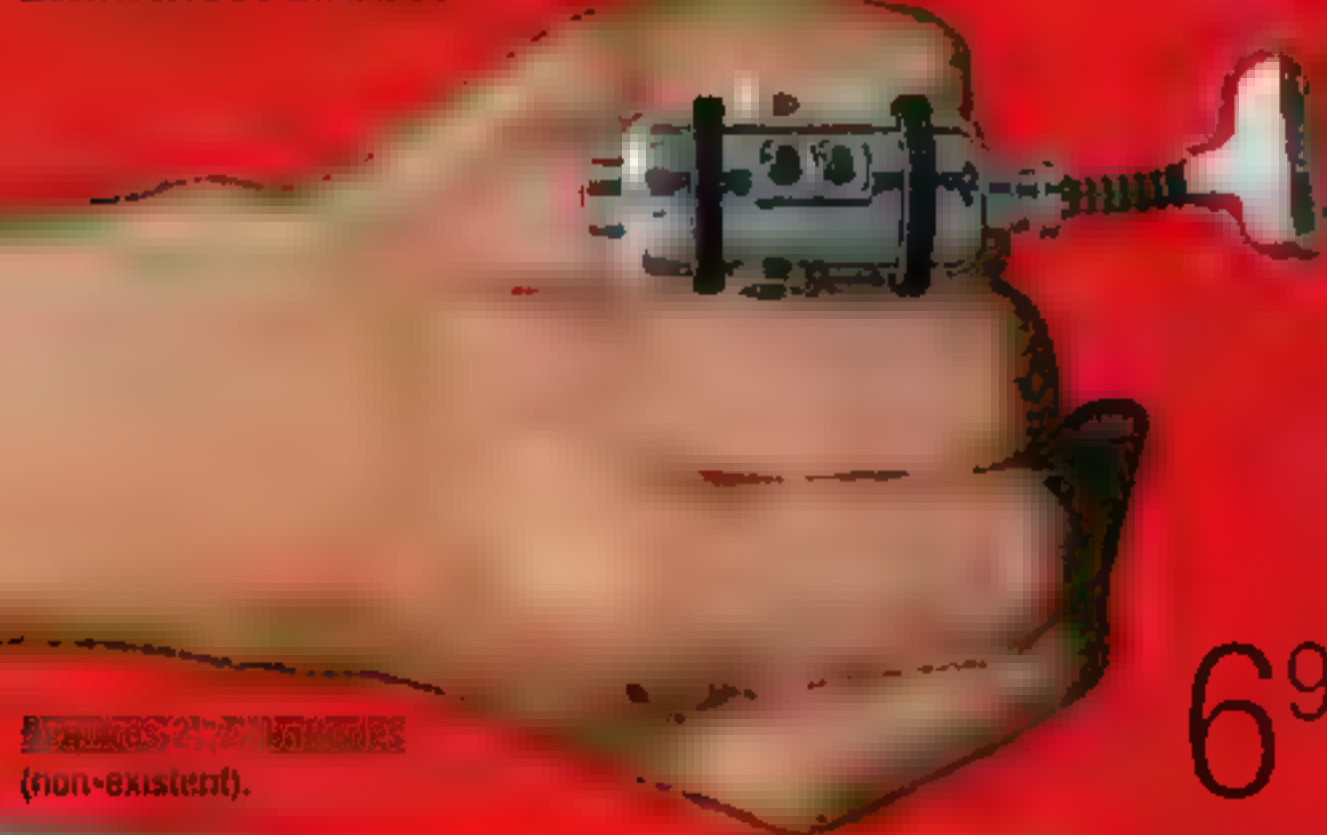
4⁵⁰
for a 12-pack

SAVE \$4.50
Don't buy these!



Ultra-Micro-Vacuum

Wear it like you would a ring, and pick up pesky dust specks, and those little stray bits of paper that fall out after you rip a page from a spiral-bound notebook. Ideal for election workers with excess cash.



6⁹⁹

Politically Incorrect Briefcase

The outside is made of 100% Redwood; the inside is lined with Dolphin skin. Manufactured in Thailand by children making 57 cents an hour. A portion of the profits are donated to the tobacco industry.



79⁹⁹

Business Signs!

1⁹⁹ each

CARS TOWED,
EVEN IF THEY ARE
PARKED LEGALLY

PREMISES
ARE GUARDED BY
THIS SIGN

Micronesian Coin Wrappers

Now, storing those huge, heavy stones is a snap!

7⁹⁵ each



Ticonderoga Pre-Chewed Pencils

Why spend all that time chewing your pencils when we can save you the work? Box of 12



Our price:
2²⁵ per pack

Price at Sotheby's if the same pencils were owned and chewed by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis: \$10,000

Ticonderoga 1-lb. Bag of Pencil Shavings

What can you do with a bag of pencil shavings? It would be better to ask what you can't do with them, since it's a much more interesting list.



Our price:
1³⁸

Price at Office Max: \$1.49

Box O' Stuff

Small, randomly thrown-in items, such as paper clips, pushpins, rubber bands, pens, pencils, erasers, etc. A confusing mess, just like your top desk drawer. Normally takes months to accumulate such clutter.



Number of items per box varies

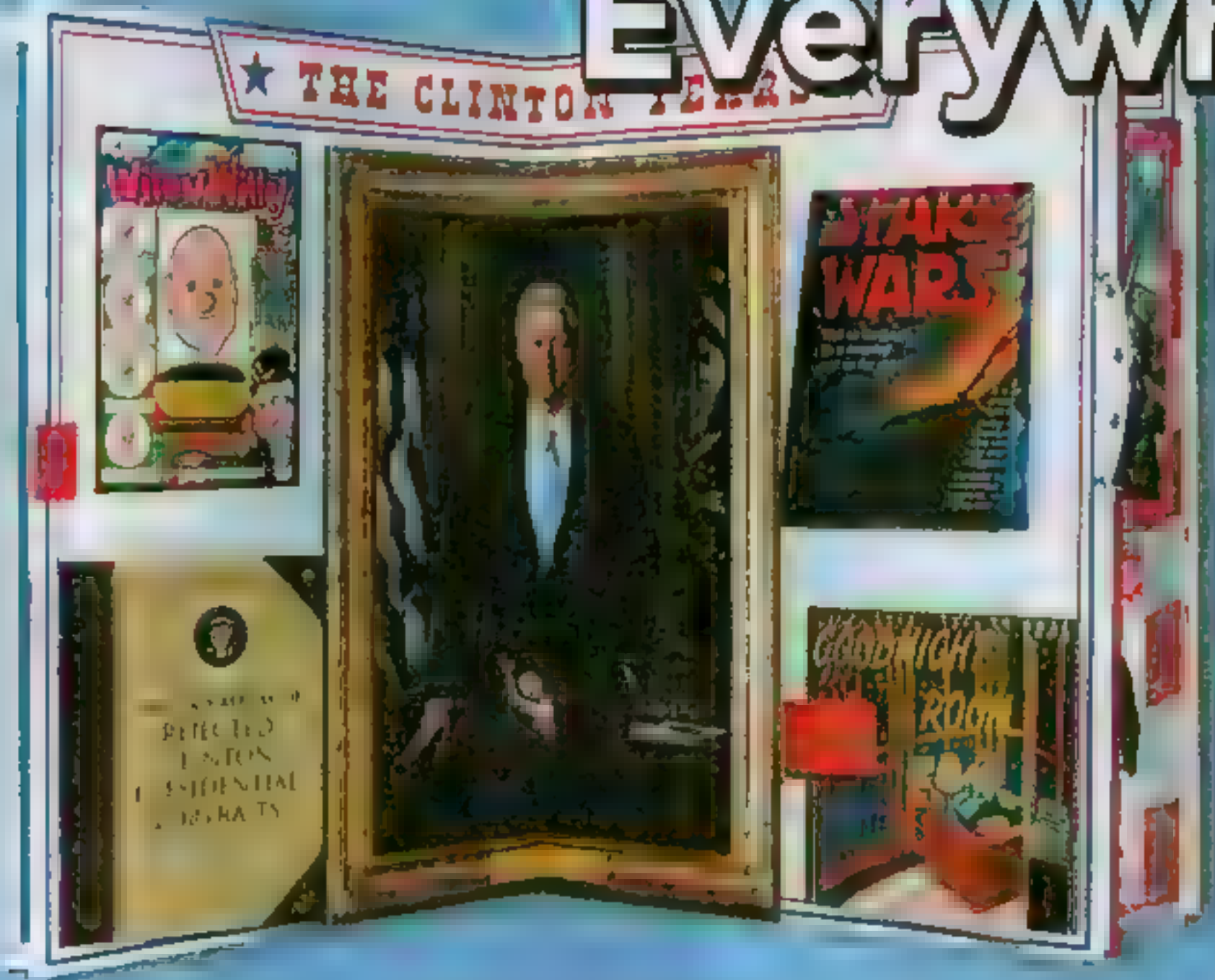
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It's Wall-to-Wall



Available October 1st
start clearing some
hanging space now!

Idiocy is




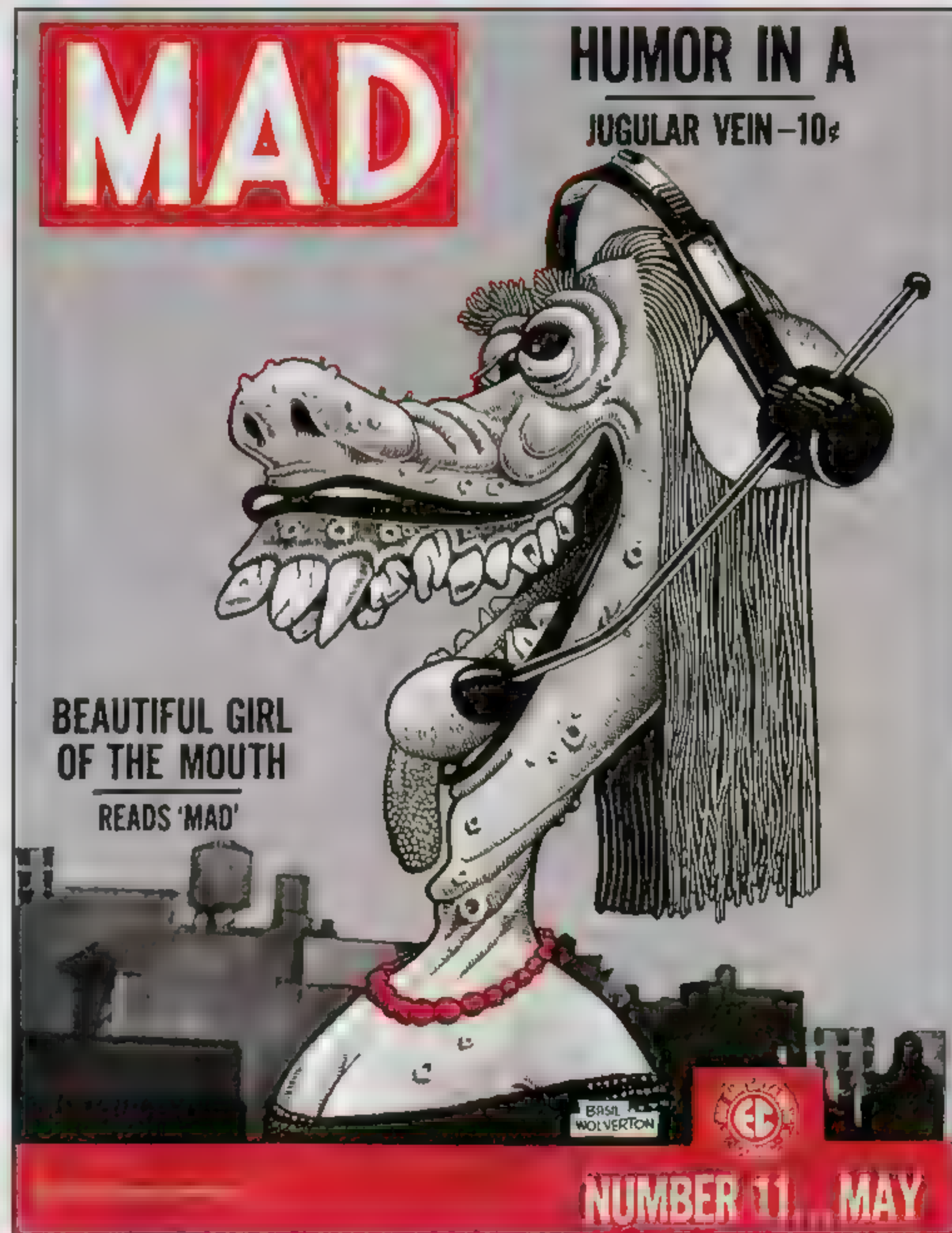
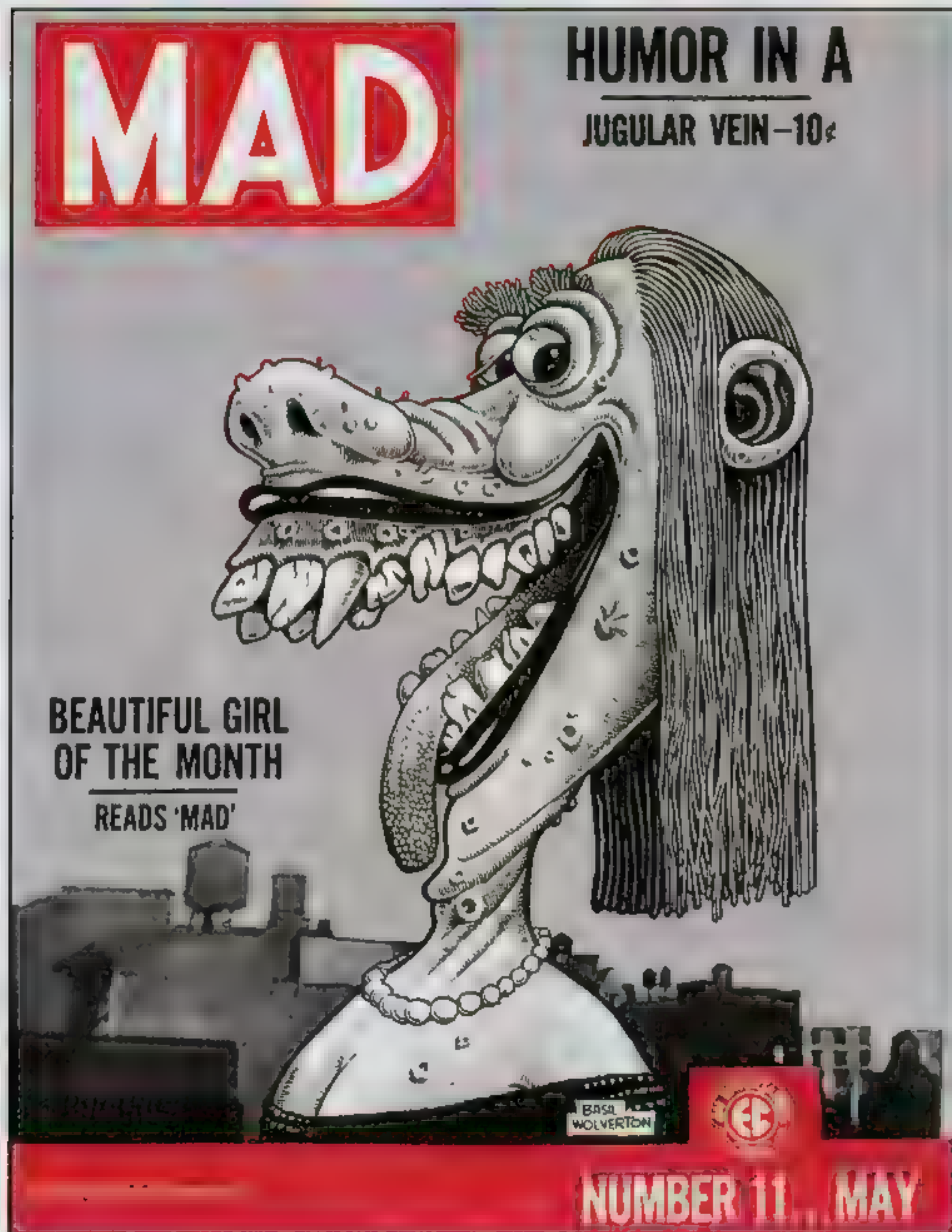
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October 7th
wherever pop-up
(and non-pop-up)
books are sold.**

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WHAT THE HECK IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Can you find the  idiotic changes we've made to this magazine cover?



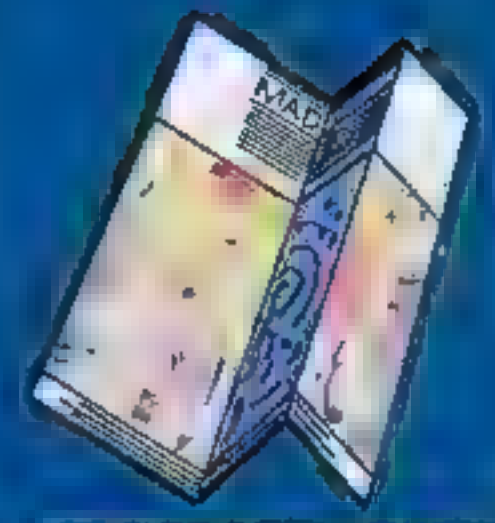
- 1) Lena the Hyena is missing a tooth 2) Her left eye is looking upward. 3) She has a headset on (Good catch, Professor!) 4) Her pearl necklace is now red 5) She has an extra wrinkle under her left eye. 6) There's a Warner Bros. logo on the water tower 7) There's an extra building in the distance to the left. 8) There are missing water towers to the right of the girl. 9) The word "mouth" has been replaced with "mouth."



WHAT TYPES
OF INCREASES
PROVOKE THE
MOST OBSESSIVE
MEDIA SCRUTINY?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS
MAD FOLD-IN

With 24-hour, up-to-the-minute news coverage, the media is able to speculate endlessly about any development no matter how big or small. However, there is one weighty issue that seems to draw the most attention. To find out what this topic is, fold page in as shown.



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!



FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT



FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



THERE'S VERY LITTLE FOR MOST OF US TO
CELEBRATE. FOR MANY, INCREASES AFFECT SECURITY
BADLY. THE MEDIA, HOWEVER, IS CONSUMED BY
BORING SIDE ISSUES WHILE WE TAKE OUR LUMPS



WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE



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OF INCREASES
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MOST OBSESSIVE
MEDIA SCRUTINY?



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A **B** FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



CELEBRITY
BABY
BUMPS

A **B**



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SHOW ME THE FUNNY

I used to love reading your magazine and the MAD books as a young boy as they made me laugh uproariously. I just received a MAD for the first in more than thirty years (#492) and read it from cover to cover. While I was impressed with the animation, I found almost no humor — I felt not a giggle, not a chuckle, not a tee-hee while I read it. Can you help me regain my sense of humor because it can't be the magazine's fault?

Glen Biglaiser, Lubbock, TX

It's Raining Glen — You enjoyed the animation? We don't know what moonshine you're dipping into down there in Texas, but it must be some strong stuff! Last time we checked, the drawings were completely immobile. It sounds like not finding it funny is the LEAST of your problems! Clean out your still and try again! Bottoms up! —Ed.



DEWEY DISMAL SYSTEM

MAD #489 was the first MAD that I ever purchased. This made me think a lot, I now feel like I have been missing out on what could be the best magazine ever published. I want to know if the offer you made Chris Behen of Danvers, MA about taking a picture with a head librarian and getting a free subscription applies to everyone. If so, I have completed this rigorous task. I don't know if Chris did it, but I know I had no problem going up to the head librarian of the Montebello Library. At first she looked at me kind of weird, I guess 'cause nobody has ever asked her to do this. As you can see, she still took the picture with me and MAD anyway. Hope to hear from you really really really soon and please send me MAD!

Joshua Quezada, Los Angeles, CA

Que-za-da, za-da, Whatever Will Be, Will Be — O.K., sure, even though you're not Chris Behen of Danvers, MA, we admire your pluck and moxie and your love of all things library-related. Congratulations on your one-year subscription, we hope your courage inspires that weasel Chris Behen to finally overcome his fear of head librarians! —Ed.

THREE RING CIRCUITS

When we printed our spoof of a Circuit City flyer in MAD #492, we had no idea what kind of reaction we'd get. The store (which sells magazines in some of its locations) issued a memo to employees telling them to remove and destroy all of their issues of MAD. However, once the memo was leaked and the press picked up on it, Circuit City apologized for overreacting and had a good laugh over the whole misunderstanding. The entire back and forth was reported in the news including USA Today and MSNBC. To find out more, head to Google. We just hope that our complimentary 42-inch plasma TVs are on the way!

CHURCH AND DESTROY

I have been a MAD magazine reader since the beginning of this year and ever since I've been having strange dreams. My dreams consist of me meeting celebrities and me wishing I had a MAD and a camera with me so I can get a free three-year subscription. These dreams have been getting weirder and weirder. Once I was at an ice skating rink, then in a house of mirrors and once even in the middle of the ocean...but not once did I bring a MAD. So now I'm carrying around a MAD where ever I go (yes, in bodies of water too) just in case. Please end my pain and publish my letter in your magazine so I can stop taking MADs into church, because apparently, they frown upon your humor (like everyone else)!

Spencer Jay, Marysville, WA

One Jay at a Time — Not every religion frowns upon our humor. Maybe it's time you start looking into the Church of MADer Day Saints. Of course, it's not so much a religion as it is a cult started by MAD writer David Shayne. Still, if you can get past his multiple feline brides and his policy of mandatory urine storage for all parishioners, you'll find he has a very lax attitude about bringing MAD to church. Amen and thanks for writing! —Ed.



THE SPOOF THAT STARTED IT ALL



DRAGON REMASTERED

BALL Z SEPT 16TH 2008

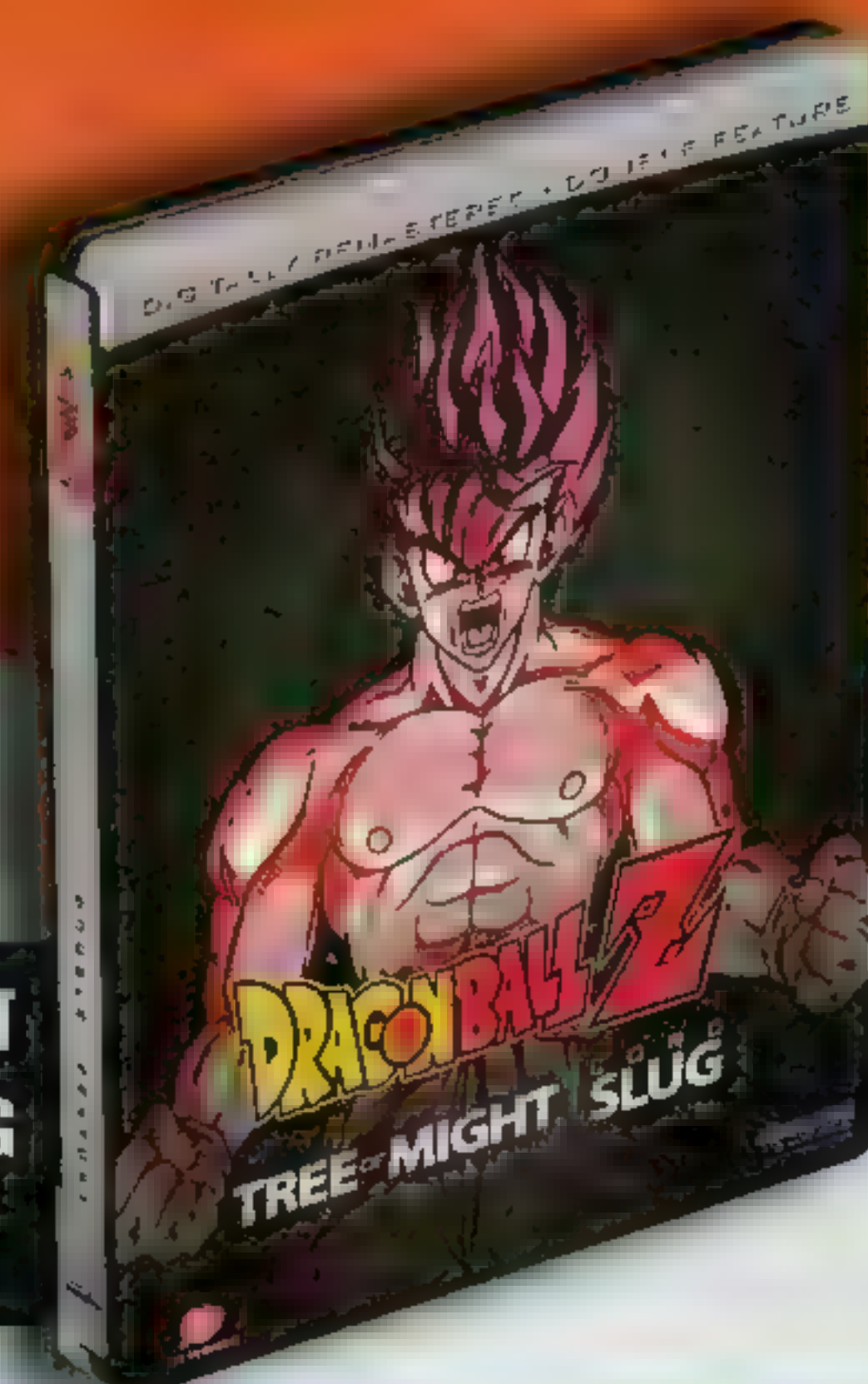
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THE FUNDALINIPAGES

AMERICA'S LEAST VISITED PARKS



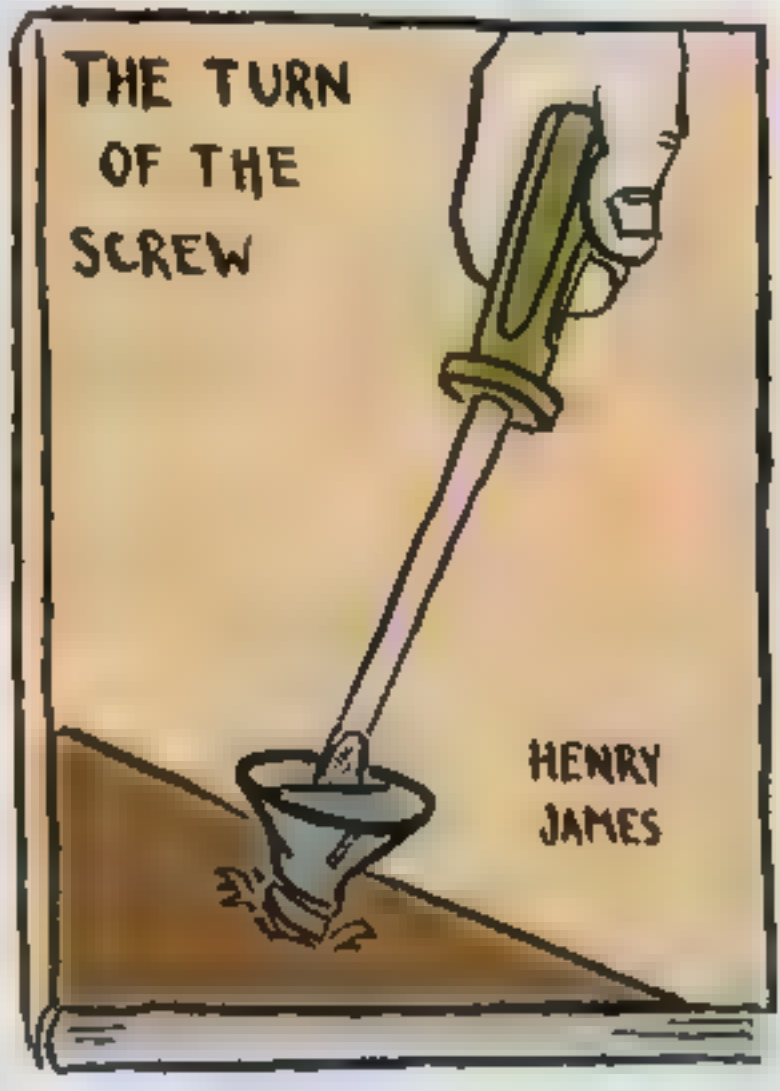
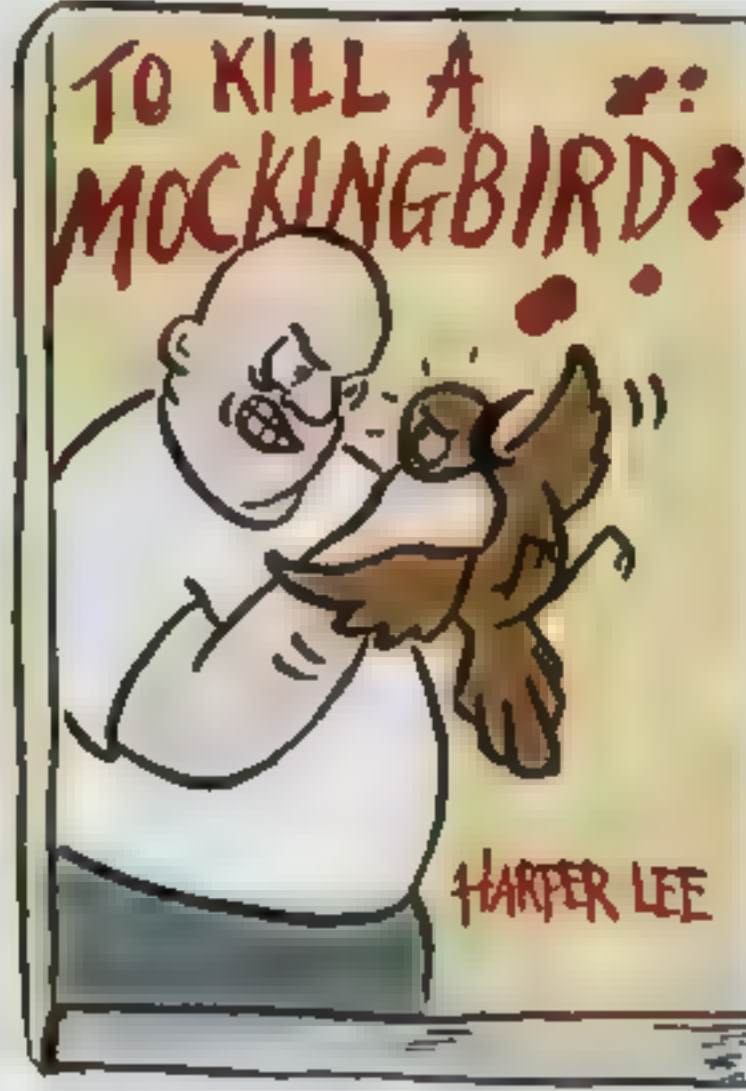
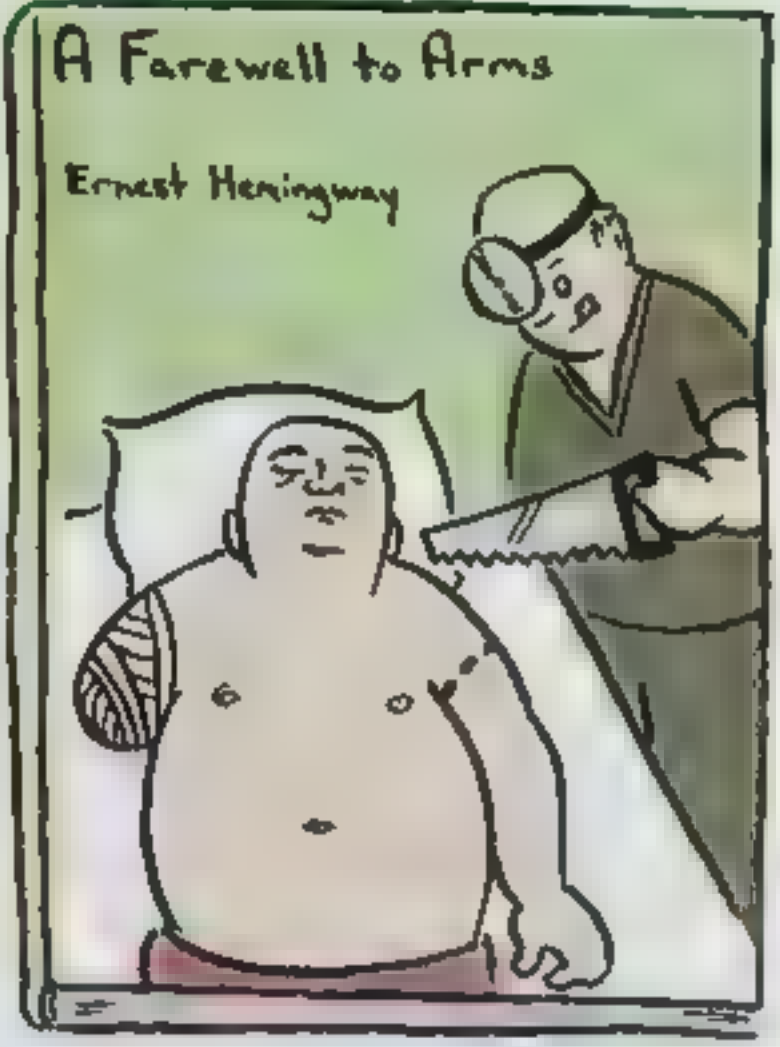
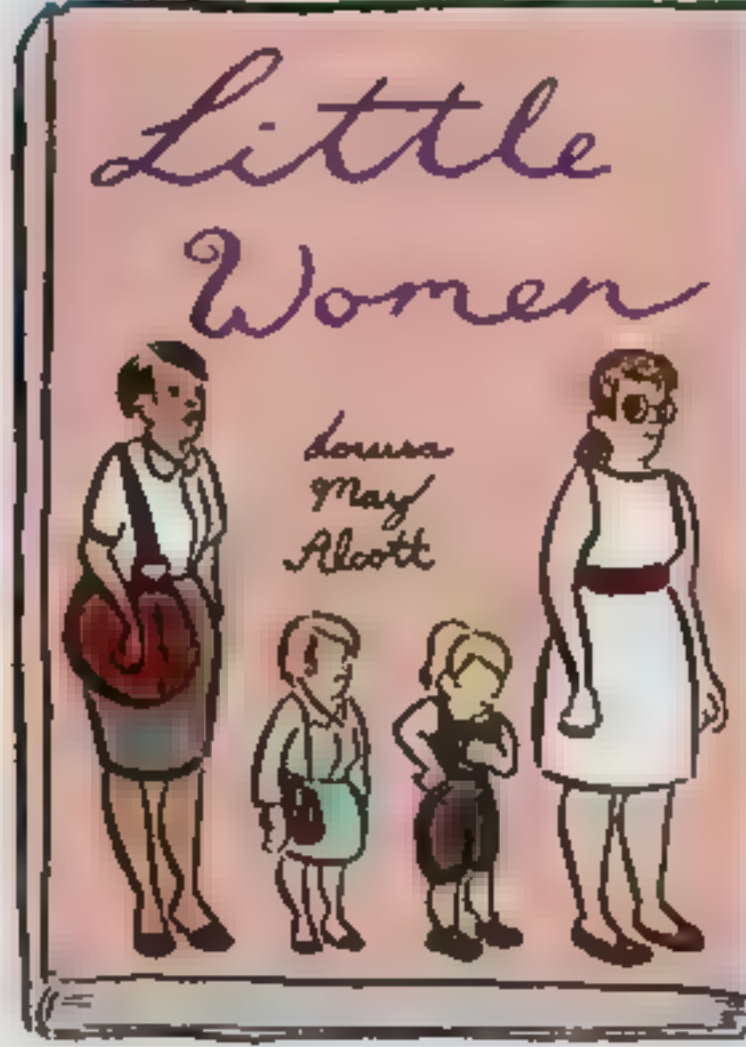
CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

This Month TILA TEQUILA

- Chlamydia.....1:1
- Chokes while simultaneously eating sausage and taco in an uncomfortably suggestive manner.....2:1
- Collapsed heart valve from "really falling in love" with 8-10 contestants per season on *A Shot at Love*.....8:1
- Ink poisoning after getting names of all of her lovers tattooed on her body20:1
- Shame-related suicide.....1,000,000,000:1



WHEN COVER ARTISTS HAVEN'T READ THE BOOK



FLIERS RECENTLY FOUND UNDER WINDSHIELD WIPERS

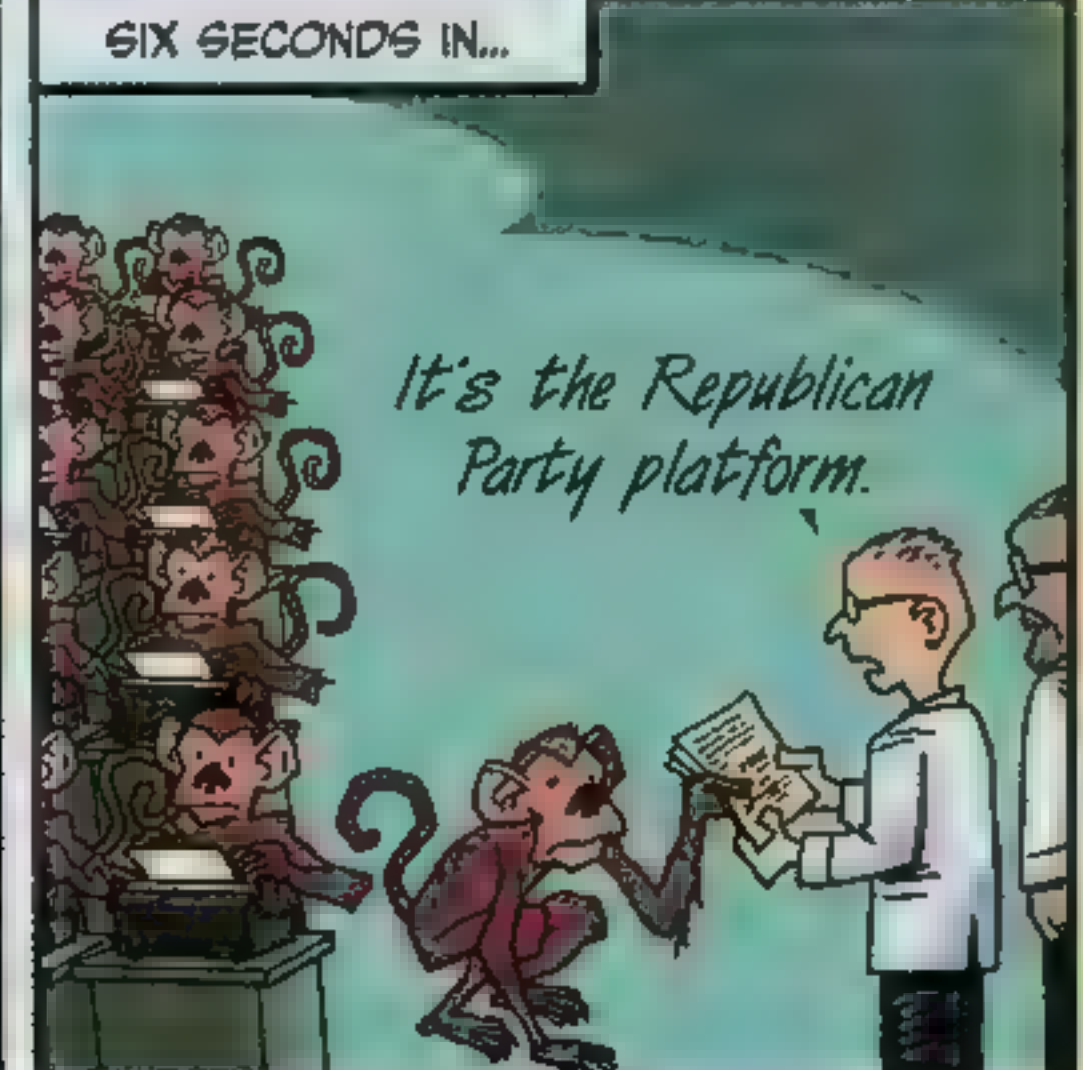


THE GODFREY REPORT	IN	FIVE MINUTES AGO	OUT
	Stragglers	Slowpokes	Dilly-Dalliers
	Decanters	Carafes	Flagons
	Slobber	Drool	Dribble

THE COVER WE DIDN'T USE



SHOW ME THE MONKEY



» If you've been spending pretty much every waking minute of every day at your computer emailing, instant messaging, flaming, flirting, posting, networking, webcasting, illegally downloading and one-handed web surfing,

blogging, bidding, buying, browsing, buffering, gaming, gawking, gossiping, dating, chatting, you might want to take a few minutes to see why we've been doing the same things — to research...

MAD'S 50 WORST THINGS ABOUT THE INTERNET

The one person in a billion who actually orders the "miracle" penis enlargement pills — guaranteeing we'll all continue to be bombarded with spam for them until the next 1-in-a-billion mook comes along.

2» Websites that spend \$100 million on constant, annoying TV ads, and then fold a year later because they're \$100 million in debt.

3» Sites that promise free searches of anyone's background, but somehow fail to tell you that it'll cost \$29.99 to actually see the search results.

4» Google's tired gimmick of altering its logo depending upon a holiday, birthday, or event is the epitome of corporate pandering. It's like a company saying, "We're sorry you're not a member of our exclusive club. We're sorry you're not a member of our exclusive club. We're sorry you're not a member of our exclusive club."

That douche-bomb who took a picture of himself every day for six years and posted it on YouTube. Hey, skippy, the only video of you we want to see is a montage of 2,190 daily shots of your occupied casket.

6» Online porn sites! We'll tell you the worst thing about them! It's...well...we spent hours and hours looking at them day and night, and couldn't find aren't enough of them.

7» Not that a Google search of "George Bush sucks" gets 451,000 hits, but that "George Bush rules" gets 579,000 hits!

"Gaming" websites, where the *biggest gamble* is sharing your credit card information with an offshore entity exempt from any U.S. laws, then playing games programmed by the house, which operates under no casino authority or commission rules whatsoever. Now *THAT'S gambling!*

9» Receiving the "Send this message to 10 people in the next 10 minutes and a miracle will happen!" chain emails: Unless the "miracle" is that we'll never have crap like this clog our inbox ever again, we're not interested.

10

Online ads in which little people suddenly stroll onto your monitor screen and start gesturing and talking to you. It made us realize that if annoying, bug-sized people like this really existed in our world, we'd have no problem killing them.


11» boors? (To read the full, extended version of this thought, visit www.myspace.com/worldofmad.)

12» Breaking News from CNN.com. When we signed up, we expected email bulletins on assassinations, natural disasters and war. Instead, we learn there's more trouble in the Hulk Hogan

Web "celebrities" who cross over to other media. As far as we're concerned, Tila Tequila, Tay Zonday and that "Leave Britney alone" guy can all take a near-fatal leap off a platform, like that newswoman stepping on grapes did a few years back.

14» The way the hot social networking site Friendster... what? Oh, the way the hot social networking site MySpace...huh? OK, the way the hot social... yesterday's news. A friend at LinkedIn told us that.

15 »



An illustration of a man and a woman in an office setting. The man, wearing a white shirt and dark trousers, is holding a newspaper titled "Rivalry & Romance in Shakespeare". The woman, wearing an orange top and dark pants, is standing next to him. In the background, a computer monitor displays the text "Froepaperz.net Rivalry & Romance in Shakespeare". The scene is set in an office with a desk, a chair, and a window with blinds.

While it's easier than ever to cut and paste school papers from the web, it's also easier than ever for your teachers to *figure out* that you cut and pasted your school papers from the web.

The title is rendered in a bold, comic-book style. 'FAMILY' and 'GUY' are in blue with black outlines. 'AND THE' is in white with a black outline, set within a dark blue rectangular box. 'BUSH' is in red with a black outline, and 'WHITE HOUSE' is in white with a black outline. A small television set icon is positioned above the letter 'I' in 'FAMILY'. The background is a light orange gradient.

I've got an idea, an idea so smart that my head would explode if I even began to know what I'm talking about!

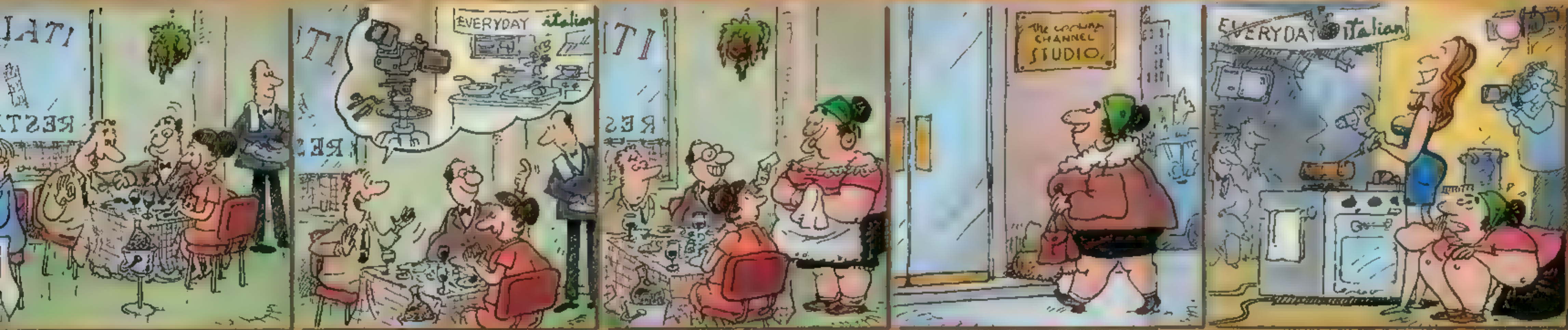
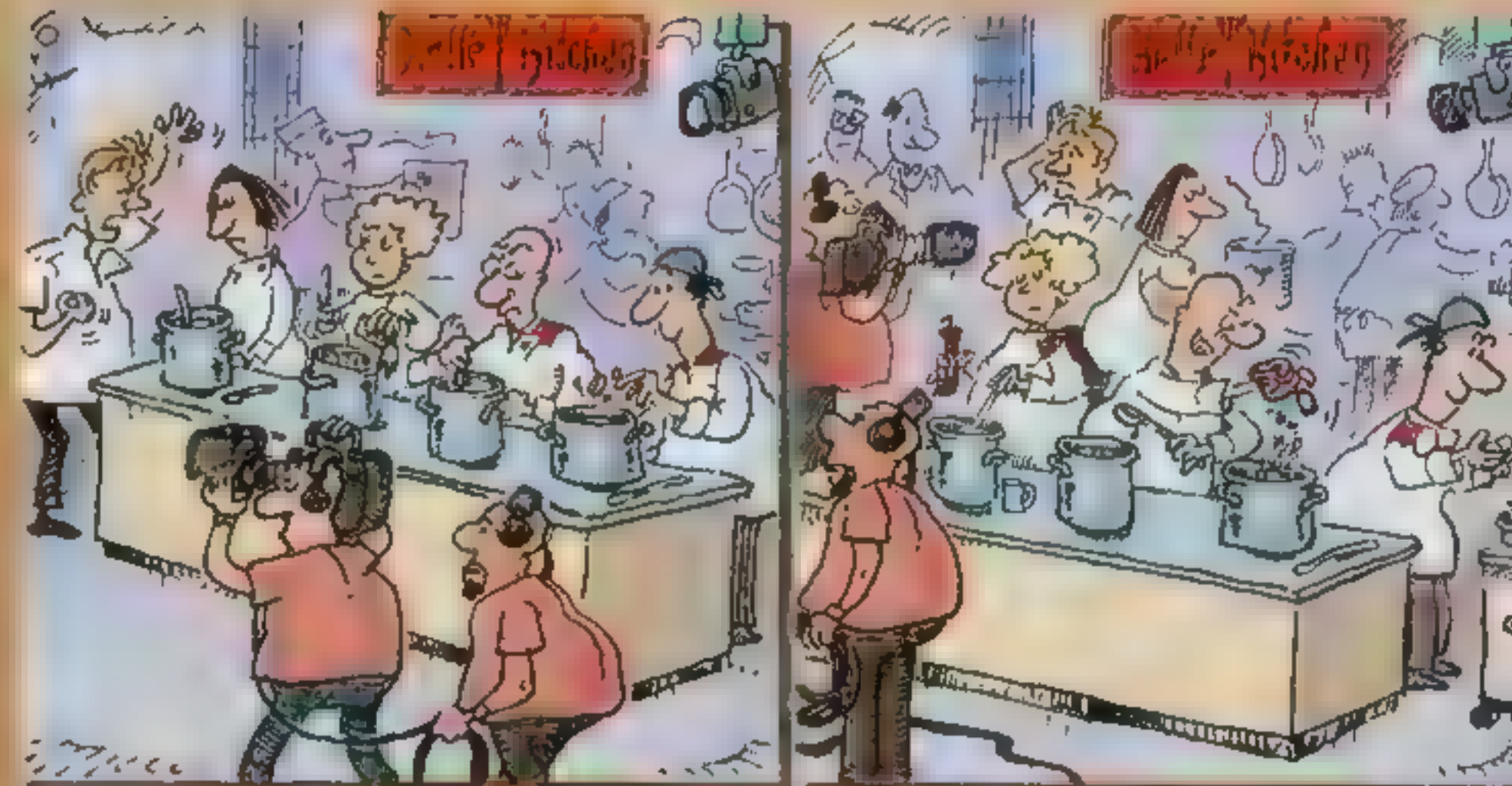
Rarely is the question asked:
Is our children learning?

PRESIDENT

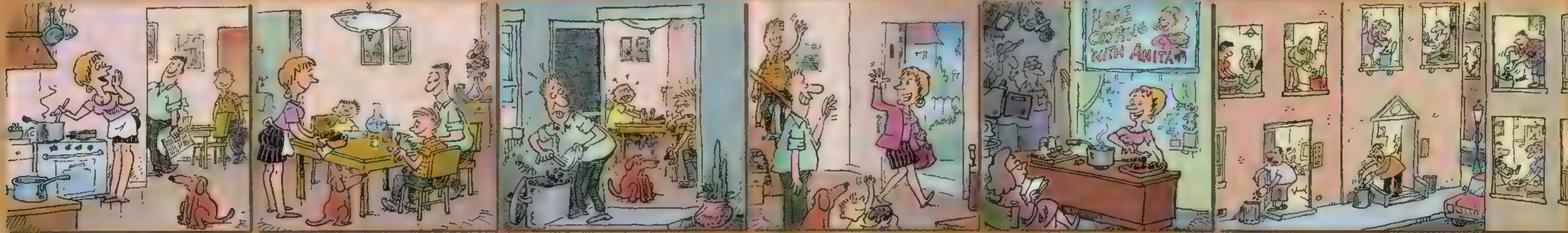
A cartoon illustration featuring two dogs. On the left, a white dog with a red collar and a gold bell is holding a martini glass and looking at a black dog. On the right, the black dog is sitting at a desk, looking at a computer monitor and using a mouse.

Sergio Aragonés
Presents

A MAD LOOK AT COOKING SHOWS



WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONES



Whatever you call it — "Ultimate Fighting," "Mixed Martial Arts," "Two Dudes Savagely Beating The Hell Out Of Each Other" — the sport is more popular than ever! It's breaking Pay Per View records, it's being televised more and more, and fighters like Chuck Liddell and Tito Ortiz are even popping up in the mainstream! But what does the future hold for the sport? Who will be the stars of tomorrow? Glad you asked! Here are the

UP-AND-COMING MIXED MARTIAL ARTS FIGHTERS

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE
ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

EGBERT STERNUM III

INTRO SONG: "Pop Goes the Weasel"

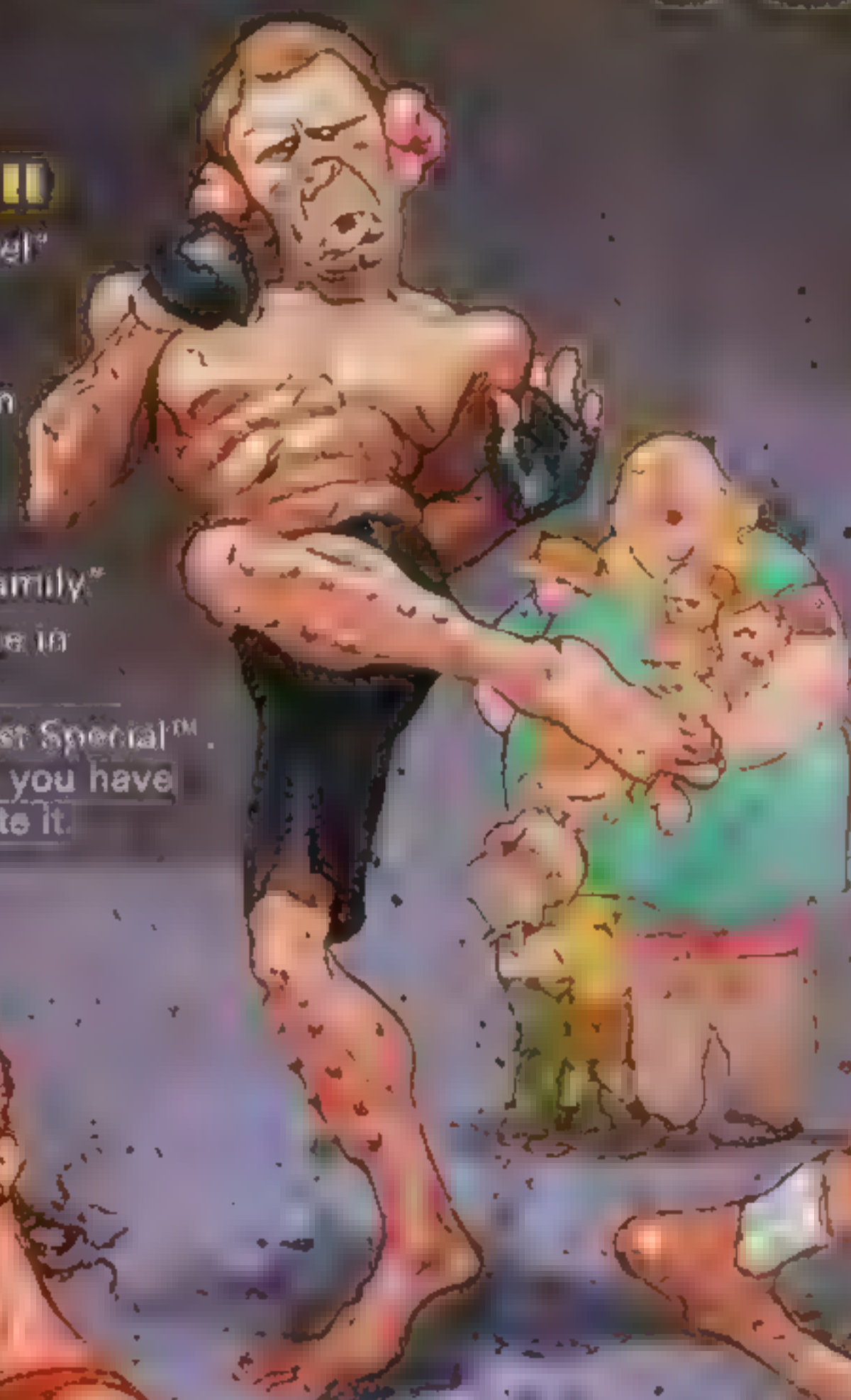
AFFILIATION: North American
Head-butler's League

EDUCATION: Doctorate in pain from
the University of Whoop-Ass
(metaphorical degree only)

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT FIGHTING:
"I get to spend less time with my family."

BRAGGING RIGHTS: Led the league in
moral victories in 2004.

TRADEMARK MOVE: The StinkBlast Special™.
Really, it's actually trademarked, so you have
to use the ™ symbol when you write it.



VINCENTE del GUAPD

AGE: 75

INTRO SONG: *Desperate Housewives*
Opening Theme

AFFILIATION: Senior Kickboxing
Association

LAST TV APPEARANCE:
Finished second on *Jeopardy!* during
"Bloodsports Week."

RECENT SCANDAL: Tested positive
for estrogen injections, which aren't
illegal, but still kind of

OUTSIDE THE RING: He's actually a
pretty easy-going guy who almost
never kicks people in the stomach.



CORVIS O'JETT

INTRO SONG: "Imagine"

AFFILIATION: Brotherhood
of African-American
Face-Pounders, Local 503

NICKNAME: Affectionately
known as "The Jackie
Robinson of MMA," but
that's only because he
always wears a Brooklyn
Dodgers cap, not for some
courageous breaking of
boundaries or anything.

HOBBIES: Bear hunting,
knitting tea cozies

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

"I have to thank my
mom and Savior, Jesús."



STEVE "EVEN STEVEN" TYMANN

INTRO SONG: "Goin' to the Chapel"

AFFILIATION: North American
Pseudo-Blasting League

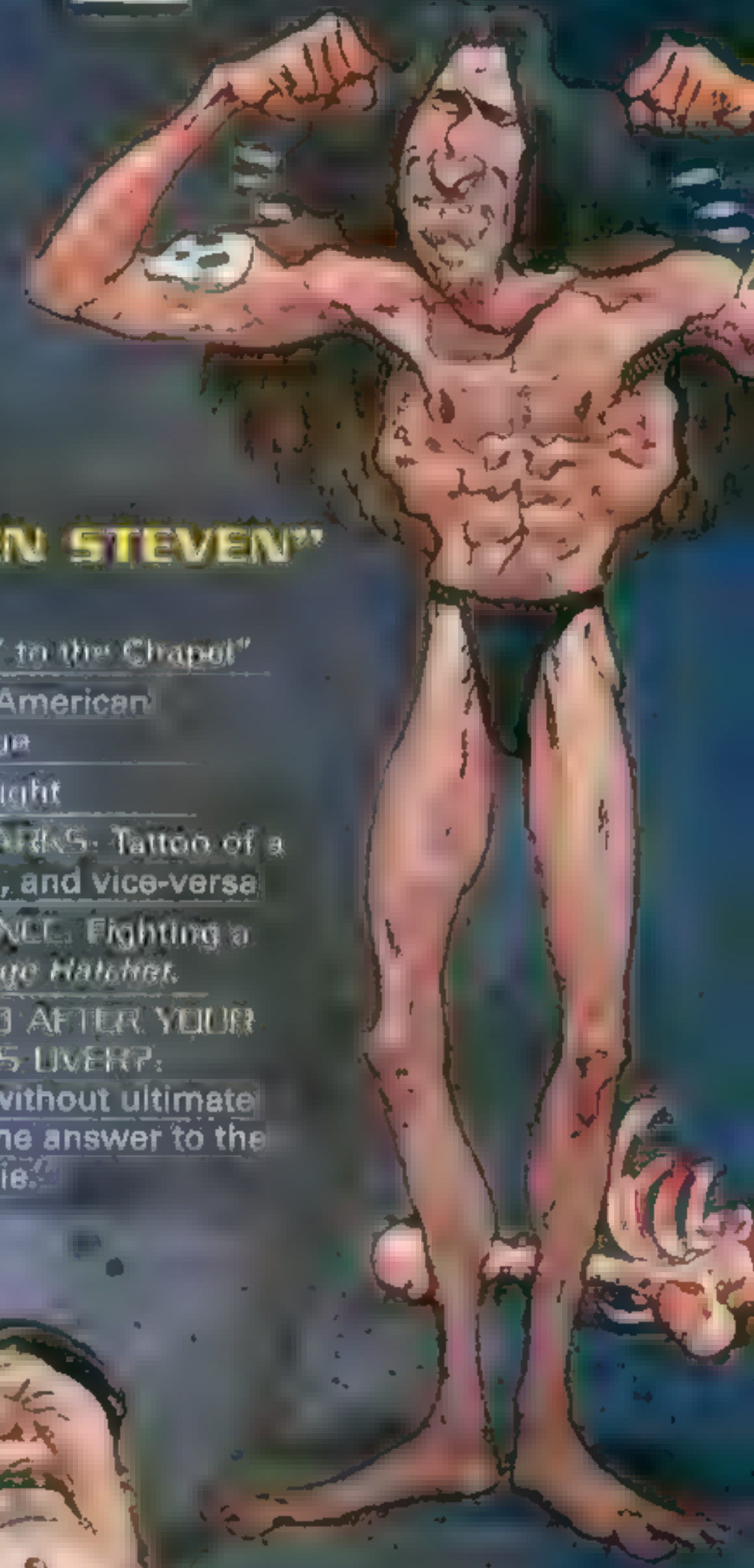
DIVISION: Vultureweight

DISTINGUISHING MARKS: Tattoo of a
skull on his left bicep, and vice-versa

LAST TV APPEARANCE: Fighting a
parking ticket on *Judge Hatchet*.

WHAT WILL YOU DO AFTER YOUR
FIGHTING CAREER IS OVER?

"I can't imagine life without ultimate
fighting. So I guess the answer to the
question would be 'die.'"



LAMIA ZANGARRIANA

INTRO SONG: "My Bologna"

AFFILIATION: Women's Association of
Hitting & Kicking

LAST TV APPEARANCE: The FOX reality
show *Kidney-Punching with the Stars*

ENDORSEMENTS: Vlasic pickles, The
Brookings Institute, Prozac, Dean Witte

FAVORITE MOMENT FROM OTHER
SPORT: Ron Artest going into the stands
in Detroit. I have the director's cut on DVD.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Raw python meat,
jalapeño peppers and a sippy cup of
Ovaltine

THOUGHTS ON MMA: "Through the sport,
I've discovered who I am: a spiteful woman
who likes to publicly inflict pain."



HIDEO "BOBBY" TAMAZUKA

INTRO SONG: "My Humps"

AFFILIATION: Pan-Asian Multiple
Fighting Concern, Inc.

CLAIM TO FAME: Operates Tokyo's only
drive-thru karate school

CHILDHOOD PREPARATION: Began learning the
ancient Japanese art at the age of 5. Unfortunately,
that art was origami, and he didn't get around to martial
arts lessons until last year, sometime.

ENDORSEMENTS: Rolex, eHarmony.com, The 99¢ Store
THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN MMA AND BOXING:
"Apparently, you can't use an aluminum bat in either.
I learned that the hard way."



OVERHEARD AT THE BARACK OBAMA RALLY IN GERMANY

I bet **Chancellor Merkel** can't wait until *this* guy gives her a **backrub!**

Obama's **fly** is open. Should I tell him? *Someone* should tell him...

What the..?!?!
That's not **Hasselhoff!!!**
Damn you, **StubHub!!!**

Ooh, the Secret Service has **t-shirt cannons!**
Me! Me! Me!

So the question on everyone's mind now is: did Obama just give a **wave**, or was it a "**terrorist hand sweep**"?
Shepard Smith, Fox News, reporting!

I only came to this 'cause *The Dark Knight* was **sold out!**

Who is this **Waldo** and how the f*#k should I know where he is?!?
Stop **giggling**, you **dummkopf!**

Freebird! Play **Das Freebird!**

My **Great Grandfather** says he saw **John McCain** speak on this **very spot**, doing the warmup for **Kaiser Wilhelm!**

Should I ask Barack to sign my **left boob** or my **right boob?**

Hey, where's **Paris Hilton** and **Britney Spears?**
I thought Barack **hangs** with those **frauleins!**

I **don't** think the **translator** is very good.
According to **him**, Barack just said "America needs to **grind the wrench** and **caress** the golfcart for **radishes**"!

Obama's going to be into his **second term** by the time he finishes **tagging** all these people on **Facebook!**

When we Germans all rally behind an **energetic, emerging political figure**, what could **possibly** go **wrong?**

It's nice to be in such a **small crowd** after that **Miley Cyrus** concert!

Somebody said there would be **bratwurst und schnitzel!**

They were **brilliant** to market this as "**Baracktoberfest.**"

I'm not sure if America can **handle** a president with such a **fit ass.**

In a desperate effort to "maintain quality control" (Note: you can't "maintain" something that doesn't exist!), fast food dumps are now encouraging

their undernourished patrons to go online and give them feedback about how their "dining" experience was. Consider it done! Here's ...

A FAST FOOD CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY (THAT TELLS IT LIKE IT IS)



McBury's

<http://www.mcburgys.fastfoodsurvey.com>

Thank you for filling out our online customer satisfaction survey.

Please enter comments in the yellow boxes provided.

Para continuar en español, empuje [aquí](#).

When did you visit our restaurant?

☐ Today ☐ Yesterday ☒ Other

Months ago. I just keep logging on here every few days trying to win that \$1,000 the receipt promises.

Did one of our employees greet you?

☐ Yes ☒ No

While an employee didn't greet me, a guy panhandling for spare change between the drive-thru lane and just outside the door did.

Was your order taken promptly?

☒ Yes ☐ No

By "yes" I mean that I was abruptly asked what I wanted to order the very second I opened the door, while I was standing 20 feet from the counter and hadn't even looked at the menu board.

Did you order breakfast from our breakfast menu?

☐ Yes ☒ No

I tried to, because the breakfast menu was still on display, but your employee said they stopped serving breakfast twelve seconds before I got there.

Did our server tell you about our exciting new menu items?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you mean "Was the mandatory practice of forcing our employees to lifelessly recite some come-on scrawled on an index card taped to the register to somehow convince you to try whatever new, overpriced and unhealthy combination of meat, cheese and jalapeño peppers we're pushing this month enforced?" then I suppose that'd be "Yes."

Are you aware of our Healthy Alternachoices™ menu items?

☐ Yes ☒ No

You must be kidding! If I was interested in eating "healthy," do you really think I'd be coming in here?

Did you enjoy the speed and ease of ordering a Valu-Meal by number from our menu board?

☐ Yes ☒ No

"Speed and ease" aren't the phrases that come to mind when your employees routinely confuse a #3 with a #7 and you're half a mile away before you realize that instead of the chicken wrap you wanted, you're stuck with a greasy fish sandwich containing the allergic-reaction-inducing tartar sauce that sends you to the emergency room.

Were our employees attentive in keeping the dining room area neat and clean?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Not so much "attentive" as "obsessive-compulsive," and not so much "the entire dining room area" as "the floor directly beneath my table" which your employee passive-aggressively attempted to vacuum while I tried to eat in peace, as though this was the only time in her entire eight-hour shift that she would have a chance to clean this specific 2-foot by 2-foot area.

Were there salt and pepper shakers on your table?

☐ Yes ☒ No

There were pairs of pepper shakers on all the tables on one side of the restaurant, and pairs of salt shakers on all the tables on the other side, which can probably be attributed to an unattended and bored six-year-old looking for something to do while Mommy finishes her Grilled Baby Cranberry Caesar Ranchero Salad, or an employee who's unfamiliar with the distribution of basic seasonings.

If you requested extra condiments, did you receive...

☒ ...enough ☐ ...not enough

Let's put it this way: Thanks to the wasteful amount of ketchup your employees evidently believe I need to enhance a medium order of fries, I've finally realized my dream of opening my own restaurant supply business with the surplus.

Was the napkin dispenser on your table stocked with a supply of paper napkins?

☒ Yes ☐ No

"Stocked"? Try "Crammed so tightly with three times the capacity of napkins it was designed to hold that I was physically unable to pull out one as well as afraid that in my attempt to do so, the dispenser would go off like a roadside bomb and take out four booths."

Are you aware that our menu's nutritional information is printed on the back of our tray liners?

☒ Yes ☐ No

I figured it out once the grease from the fries rendered the paper translucent.

Was the restaurant you visited one of our 24-hour locations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Judging by the prevalence of parasite-infested homeless people pontificating about the government, including one who insisted on showing me a bad magic trick involving a broken cigarette and then harassed me until I bought him a vanilla shake, yes, it was likely a 24-hour location.

Finally, thinking back about your recent visit, was there any particular employee who stood out?

☒ Yes ☐ No

You mean the kid yelling at his girlfriend on his cell phone? Yeah, when I was leaving, he stood out by the side entrance chain-smoking non-filtered Camels while lines were ten deep and one register was open. Unfortunately, now that I've mentioned it, you're going to have to update that "Employee of the Month" plaque whose last addition was in May, 2003.

On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being "poor" and 5 being "excellent" how would you rate the cleanliness of...

☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

There was a camera crew from *National Geographic* videotaping some sort of new life form spotted swimming under that metal grate.

Our self-service soft drink station?

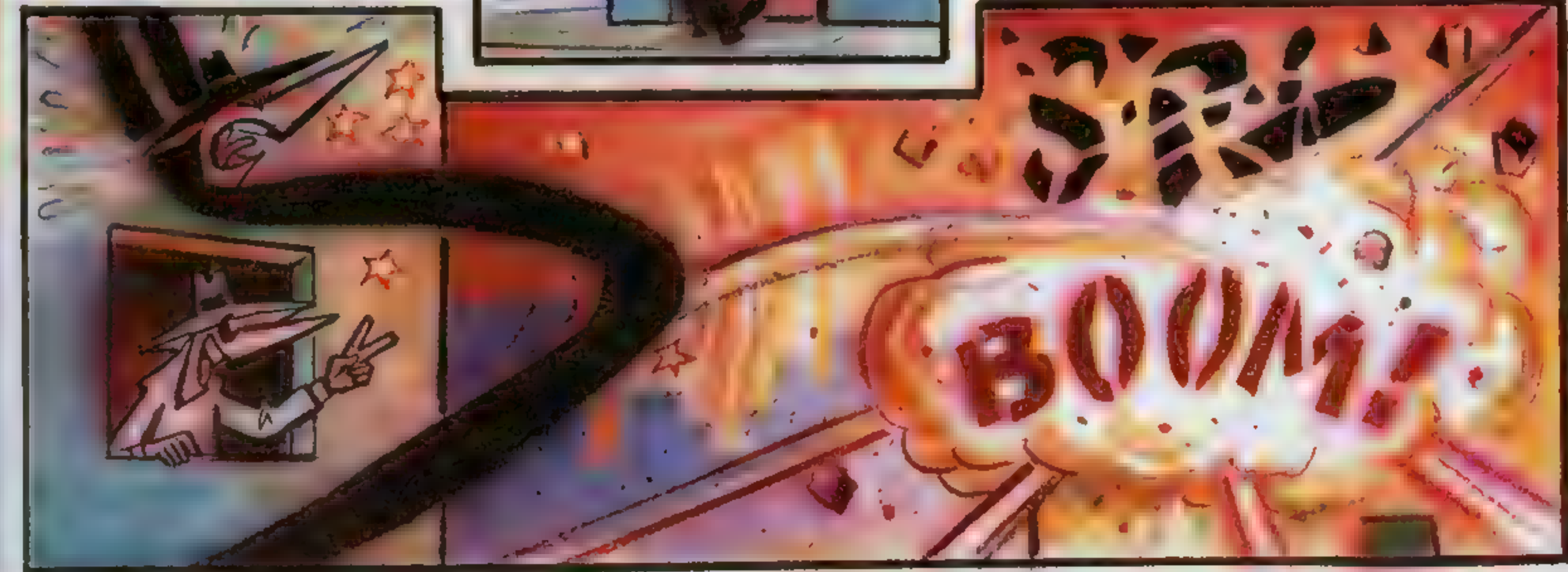
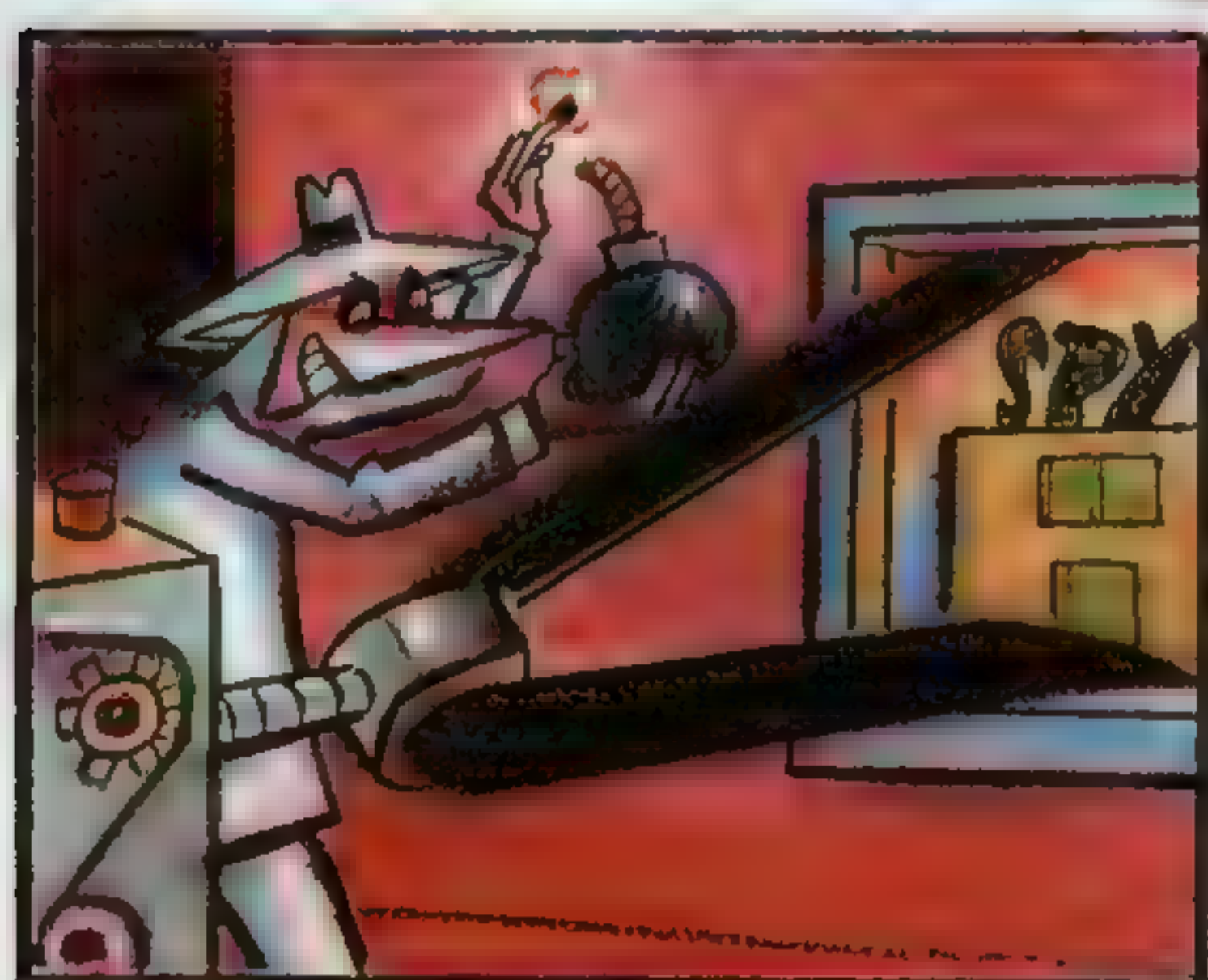
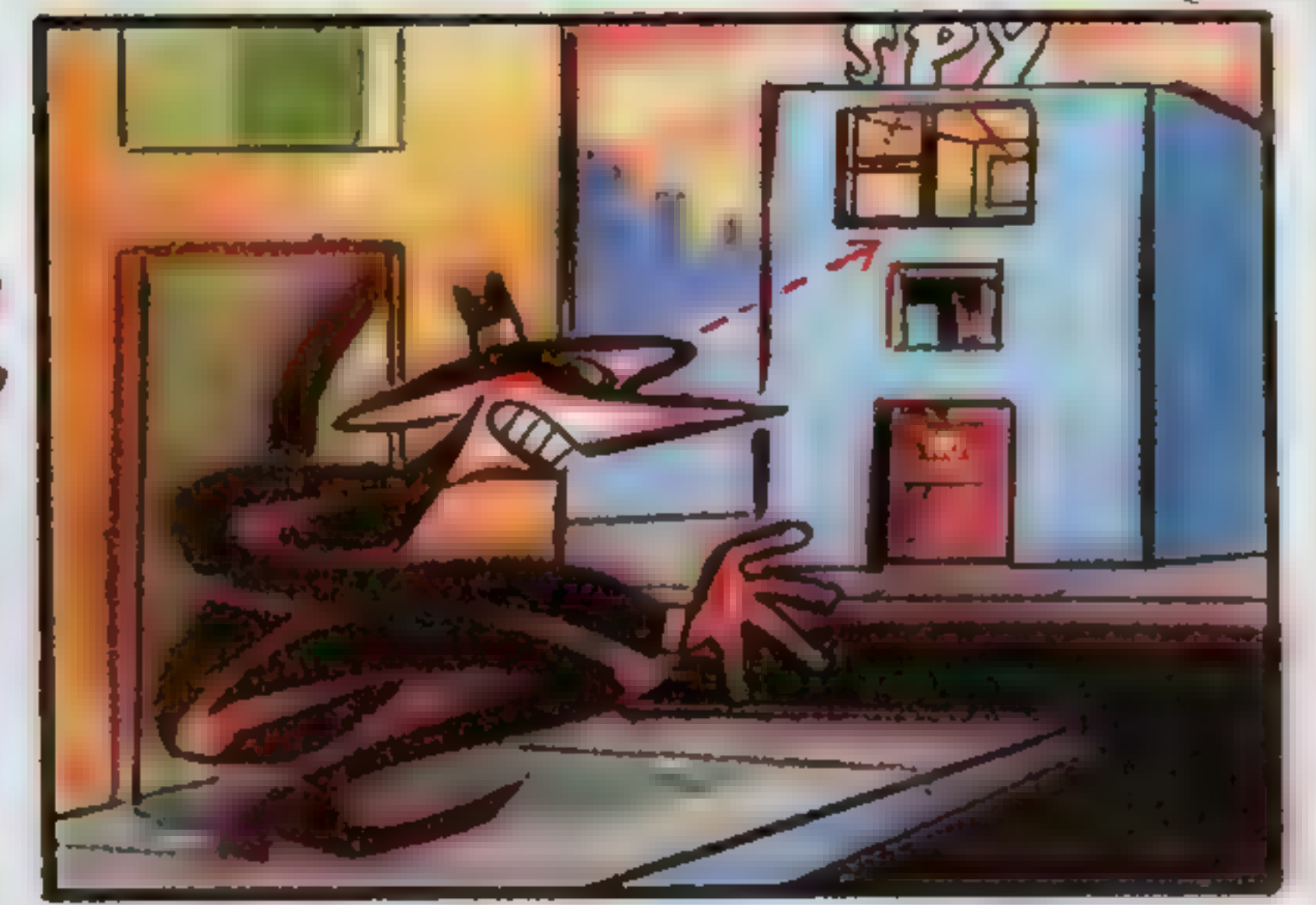
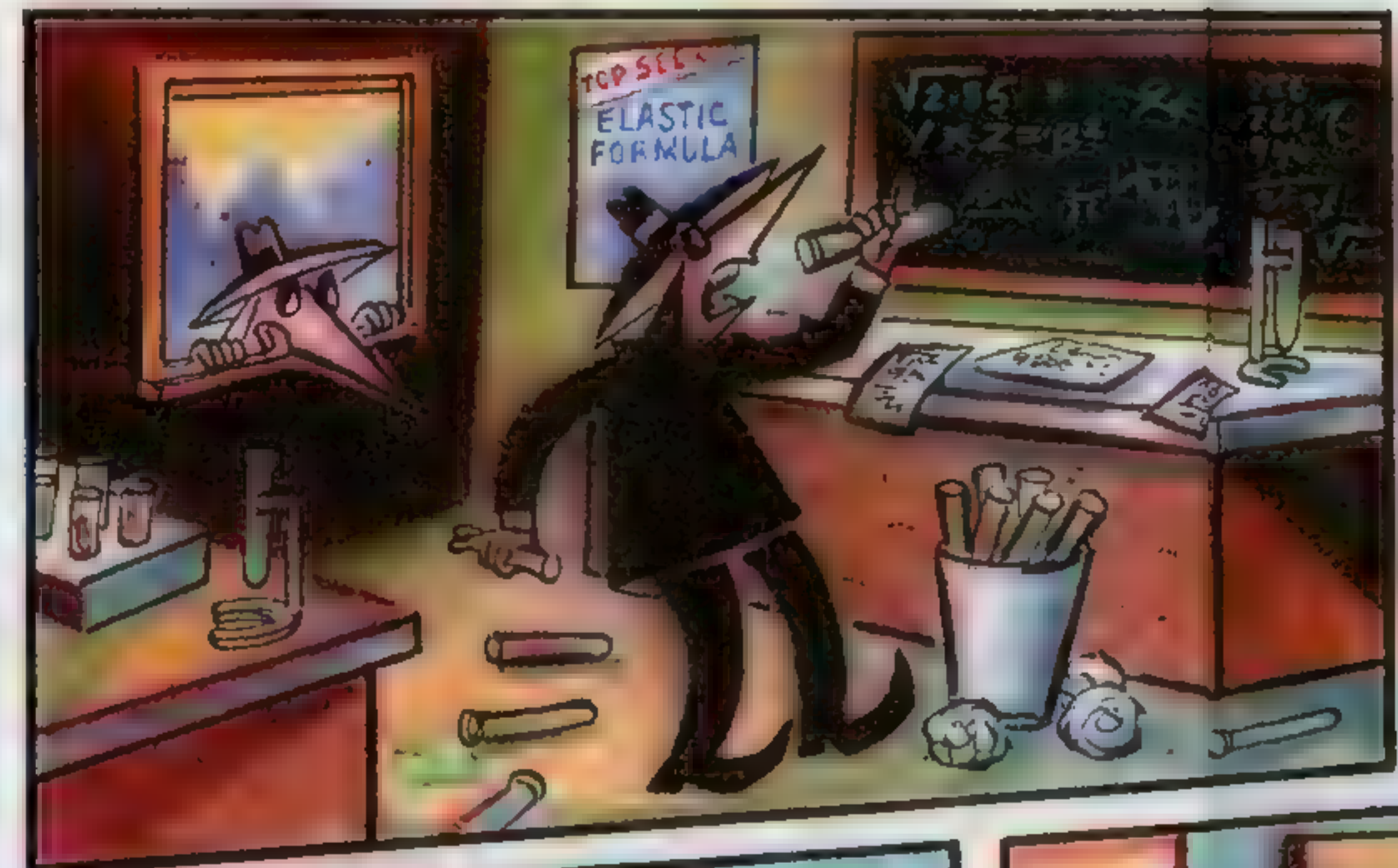
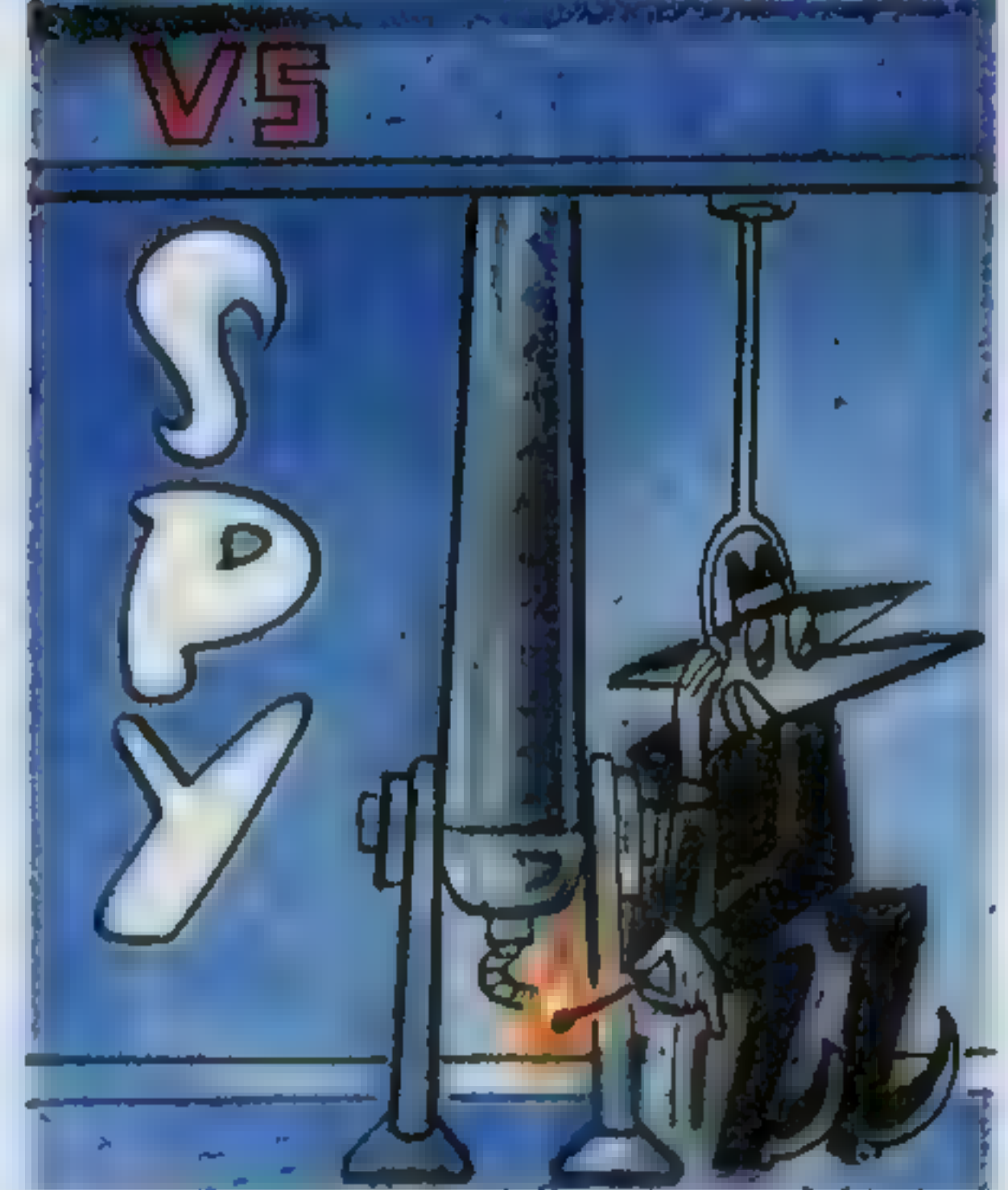
☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

I had a close-up look when I slipped on one of those loose plastic balls kicked in from the play area and fell on my ass and landed on a discarded mayonnaise-covered lettuce leaf and a puddle of orange soda.

The carpet and/or floor area?

☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

I couldn't get close enough to rate them; the raccoons were particularly aggressive.



If you're a horny guy (that may be a redundancy) is there anything better than the concept of polygamy? Coming home to a different hot, frisky wife every night of the week! Hoo boy, could it get any better? Well, yeah, coming home to a different, hot, frisky wife every night of the month, or year! Mmmm. That's it! We're off to a Texas compound in search of pure carnal bliss! While we're gone here's something for you to read:

THE PROS & CONS OF BEING A POLYGAMY CULT KID

WHO WANTS ANOTHER PITCHER OF COKES? IT DOES A NUMBER ON MY PROSTATE, BUT WHAT THE HELL.....IT'S A PARTY!

CON Chances are good that sooner or later you'll wind up double dating with your father

AAAGH....YEAH.... OKAY, LISTEN, BUSTER! I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE!

PRO Teachers are way less inclined to send you home with a note to your mother when they realize they have to write more than a dozen

BAAAAWK!

CON With all the family weddings you attend, you're likely to suffer a major Chicken Dance-related injury

HAS ANYBODY SEEN EZEKIAL?

PRO If, at some point, you discover you have more than a passing interest in cross-dressing, it's soooo easy to blend in unnoticed

PRO When surrounded all day by nothing but frumpily-clad women with no makeup, an old *Martha Stewart Living* magazine may provide all the pubescent stimulus you can handle

THAT WOULD BE THE MAGNA CARTA. MAY I BE EXCUSED NOW, MA??

CON Always having to help Mother Number Seven with her homework

AH, WELCOME, ARTHUR. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME REFRESHMENTS? CAN I RENT YOU A VIDEO? TURN ON THE GAME? YOU NAME IT...

PRO Being sent to the Principal's office is never any big whoop since you control a significant PTA voting block

AT WHICH POINT, THE DIVINE GIFT OF OVULATION IS IMPARTED UPON YOUR-

CON There's a strong possibility you could wind up learning about sex in the schoolyard from your sister/aunt Harriet

LIKE IT? I WENT BONKERS WITH THE DILLWEED THIS TIME.

CON When your moms try to out-porridge one another

WHADDYA MEAN THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR MY SPIKES AND CUP?!

CON Too many freakin' soccer moms

WRITER AND ARTIST: JOHN CALDWELL

We don't know who said "There's no such thing as a stupid question" — but we're willing to bet it wasn't Al Jaffee.

Need more proof? Here's...

SNAPPY ANSWERS TO STUPID QUESTIONS

Is that an iPod?

No, it's a pace-maker for my brain.

No, it's a juicibox and I'm sucking it in through my ears.

No, it's a very sick garage door opener and I'm examining it with this special stethoscope.

Is this a parade?

No, it's just a group of total strangers who happen to be going in the same direction.

No, it's a game of follow the leader that keeps picking up players as it goes through town.

No, it's a very slow, very musical marathon — the Ugandan is winning.

Making a phone call?

No, I have a hearing problem and I use this little amplifier to talk to myself.

No, a bug flew in my ear and when it comes out, I'll snap this thing shut and crush it!

No, this electronic seashell lets me hear the sound of the digital ocean.

Has the Doctor seen you?

I can't remember. I was only a child when I came in.

I don't think so — but maybe he took a peek while I was passed out from the pain.

Many times, just not in the last 8 hours I've been sitting here!

Are you going up?

No, my hobby is counting steps. I'm past five million now.

Yes, I'm just waiting for these crazy steps to stand still.

That depends — which way are YOU going?

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Many mothers keep a "baby book," capturing their child's progress and early milestones. In many ways, it's the greatest gift they can give their child. That way, when the baby is old and grown, he or she can look back and pinpoint *exactly* when their lives went to hell. Some parts of life are really better left undocumented — as you'll see when...

MAD Looks at A Crappy Parent's Baby Book



Wrapper from Daddy's condom that invited you into this world!



Daddy takes his paternity test!



Mommy's tattoo AFTER stretch marks!



Surveillance photos from three months after you were born, of your scumbag father and that dirtbag who gave birth to your half sister.

Don't let that bitch,
YOUR MOTHER,
ruin your life
like she ruined mine.
Love,
Dad



ONE
is so
much fun!

Belated birthday card
from your father

First
boo-boo
scabby!



(Silly Gammie
and her
Marlboro Lights?)

JULY 22
Your first word:
Ben-a-dwill (Benadryl?)
That's why you're such
a good sleeper!



Bonding with Daddy



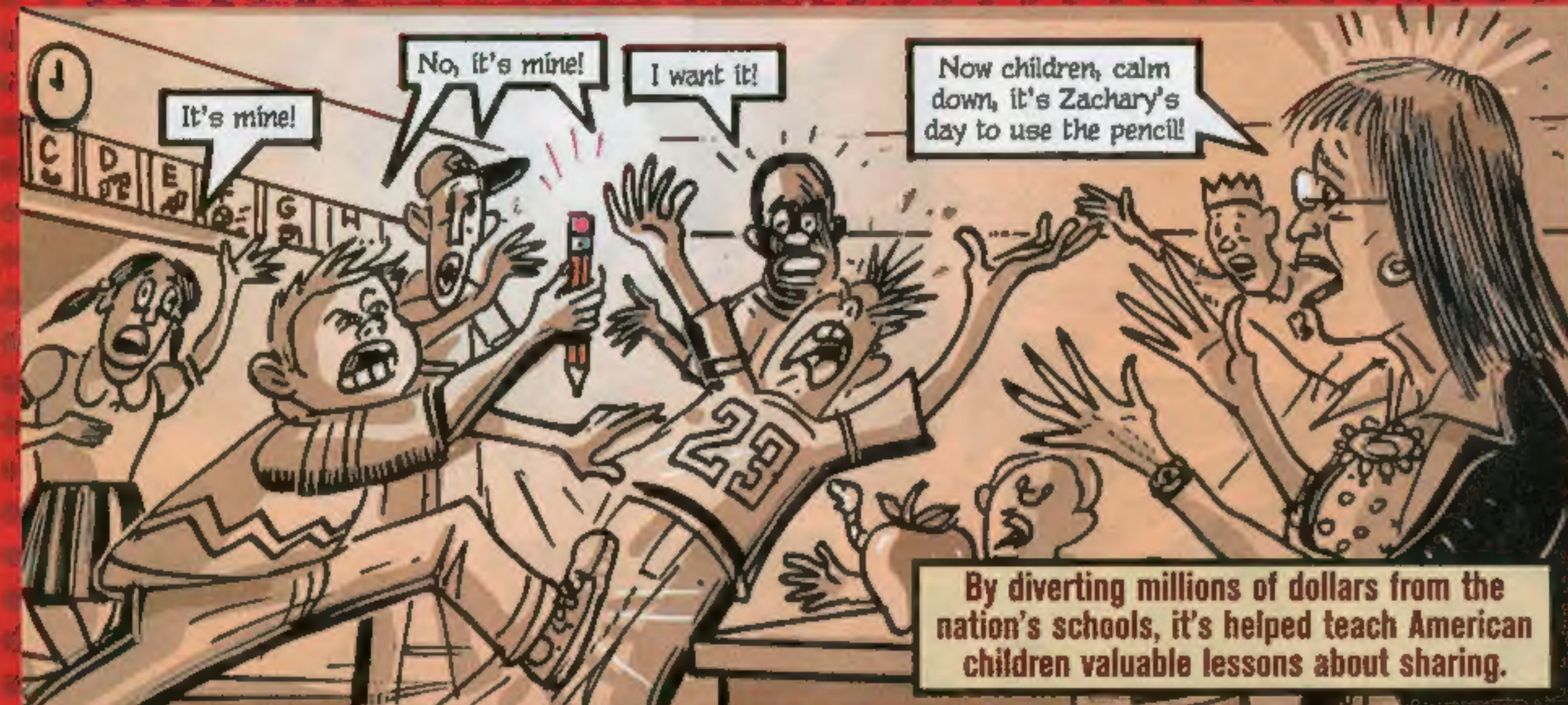
X-ray of the first small object you
shouldn't have put in your mouth —silly!



The day we found out
you were allergic to eggs

Loudmouth critics of the War on Terror like pointing out that the cortex-snappingly expensive crusade has accomplished absolutely nothing — and may have even done more harm than good. But what these pointy-headed nimrods conveniently omit from their dribble-chinned complaints are the many widely-unnoticed POSITIVE things that have come out of our battle against the evil-doers. Don't believe it? Then check out these...

Unacknowledged Benefits of the WAR on TERROR



No, it's mine!
It's mine!
I want it!
Now children, calm down, it's Zachary's day to use the pencil!

By diverting millions of dollars from the nation's schools, it's helped teach American children valuable lessons about sharing.



My house! My house! You shall regret this, infidels!

By creating hordes of terrorists with every new carpet-bombing and stray explosion, we can finally boast with certainty that America is truly transforming lives in the Middle East.



NEW

We'll have more of our exclusive video of Amy Winehouse entering rehab for the seventh time this month. But now, in other news, the death toll in Afghanistan reached a new milestone this week...

Every so often, the death tolls and anniversaries force the media to discuss something besides the latest Miley Cyrus "scandal" or Amy Winehouse crack-eating episode.

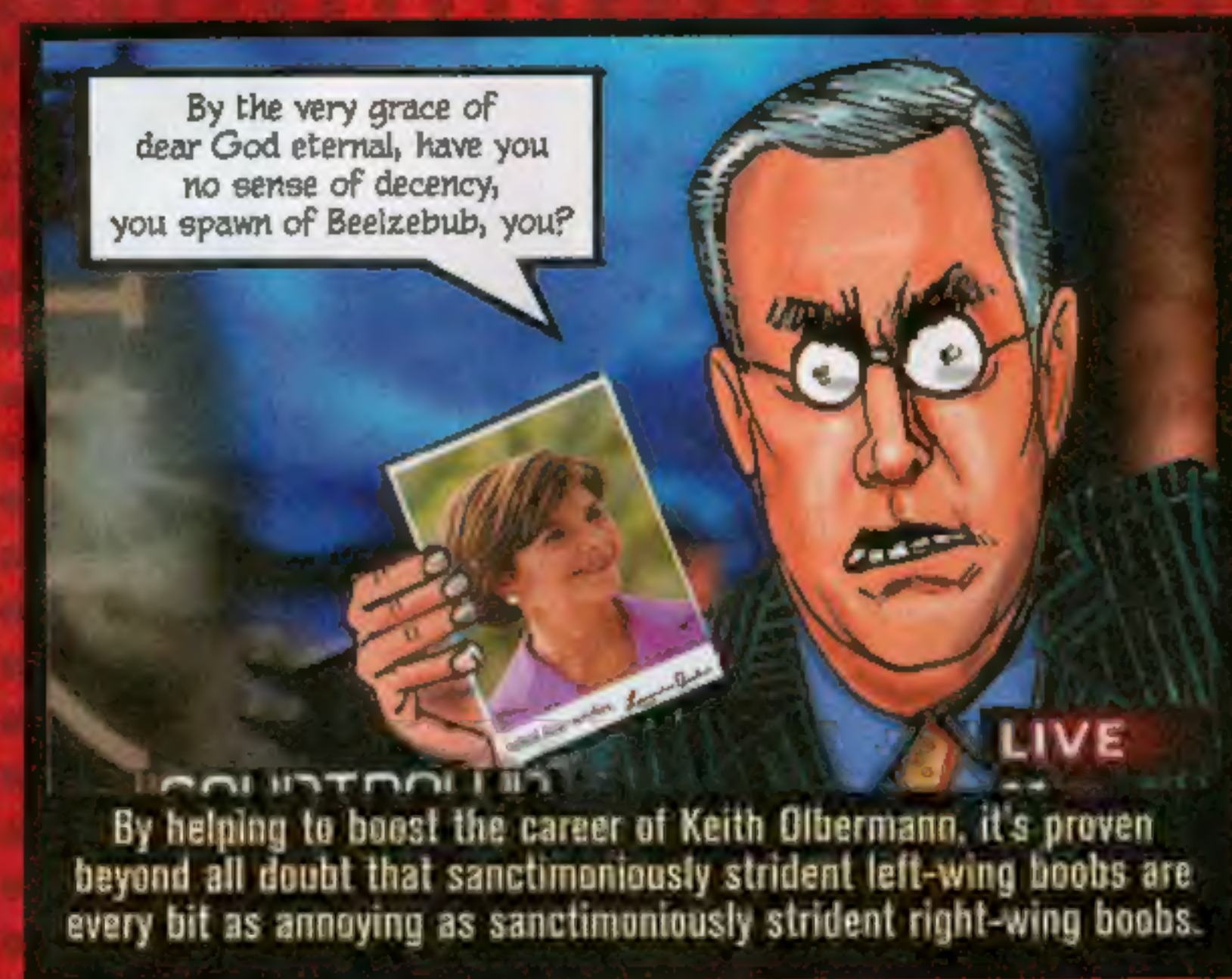


Let's see... robbery, aggravated assault, indecent exposure... looks okay to me! Welcome aboard, Sergeant Cripston!

By making America's stretched-thin Army desperate for recruits, it's helping to slowly sweep dangerous criminals off of our streets.



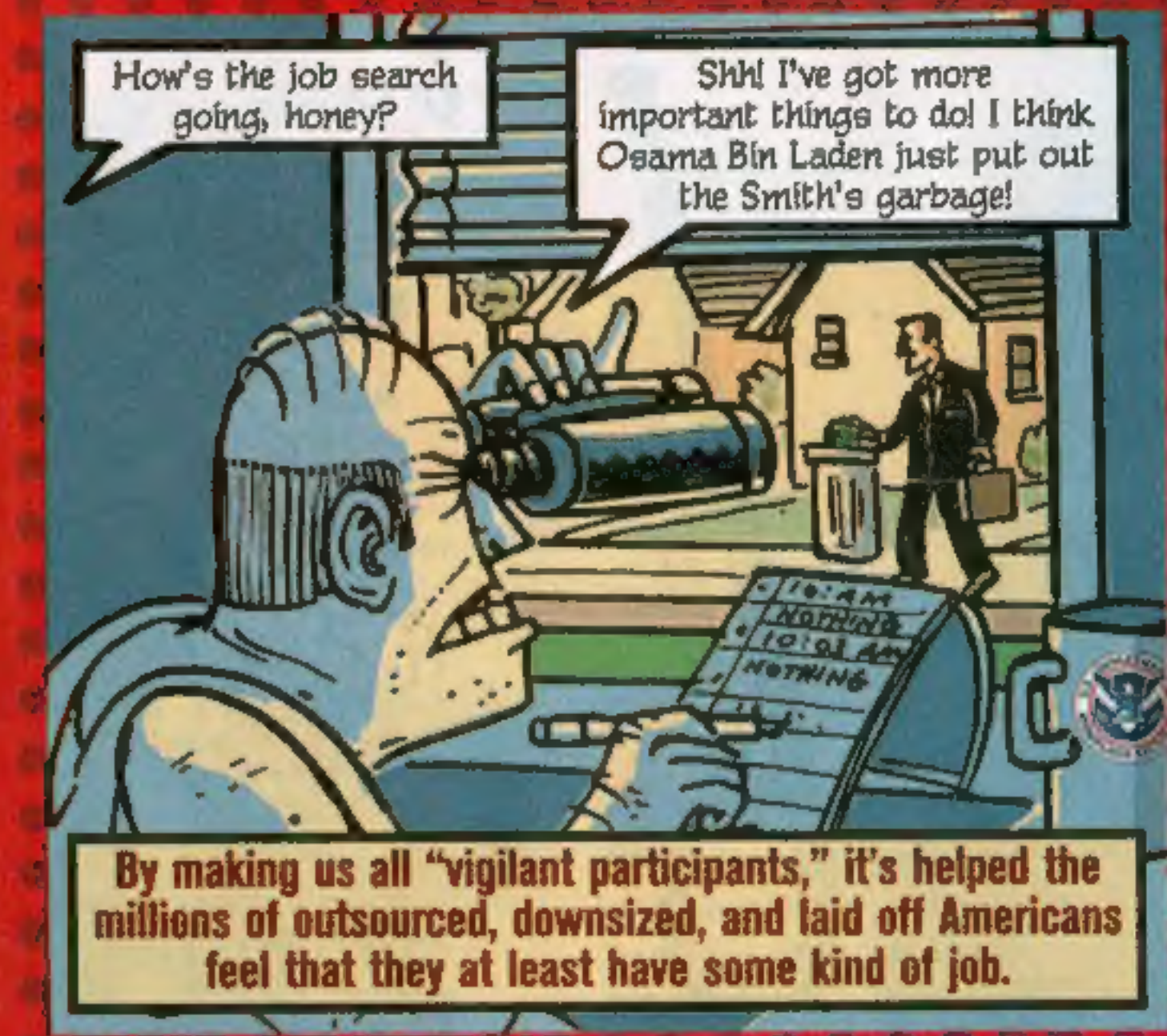
It's made the rest of the world despise us for something valid, instead of the dumb-ass stuff, like Big Macs, Wal-Mart and Paris Hilton.



By the very grace of dear God eternal, have you no sense of decency, you spawn of Beelzebub, you?

LIVE


By helping to boost the career of Keith Olbermann, it's proven beyond all doubt that sanctimoniously strident left-wing boobs are every bit as annoying as sanctimoniously strident right-wing boobs.



How's the job search going, honey?

Shh! I've got more important things to do! I think Osama Bin Laden just put out the Smith's garbage!

By making us all "vigilant participants," it's helped the millions of outsourced, downsized, and laid off Americans feel that they at least have some kind of job.



Hey, look at that Palestinian scarf she's wearing! She must be a terrorist! Call Fox News!

Sure, we've spent trillions of dollars and sacrificed thousands of American soldiers lives, but at least it got those stupid Rachael Ray Dunkin' Donut commercials yanked off the air.

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ARTIST: PETER KUPER